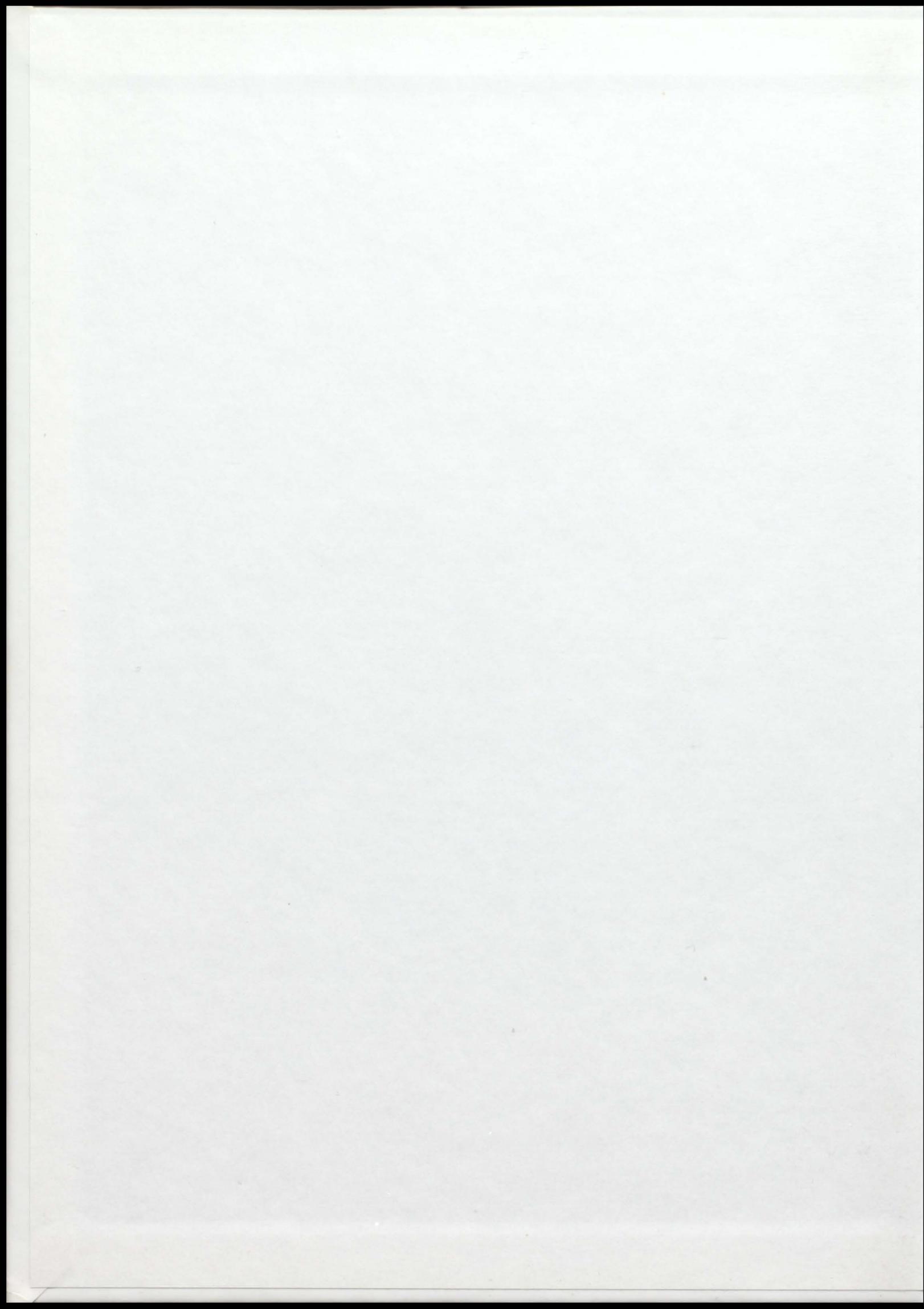
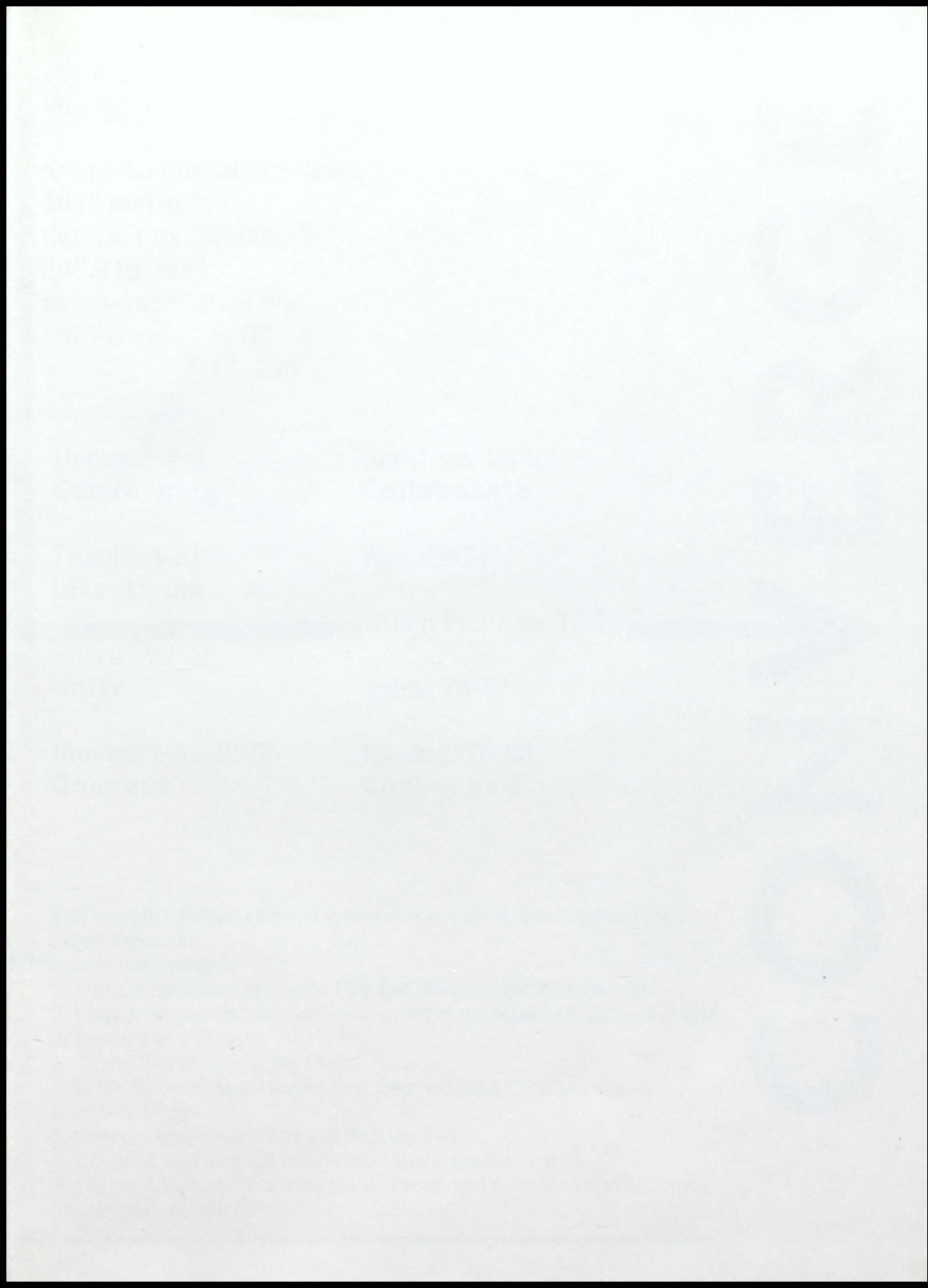
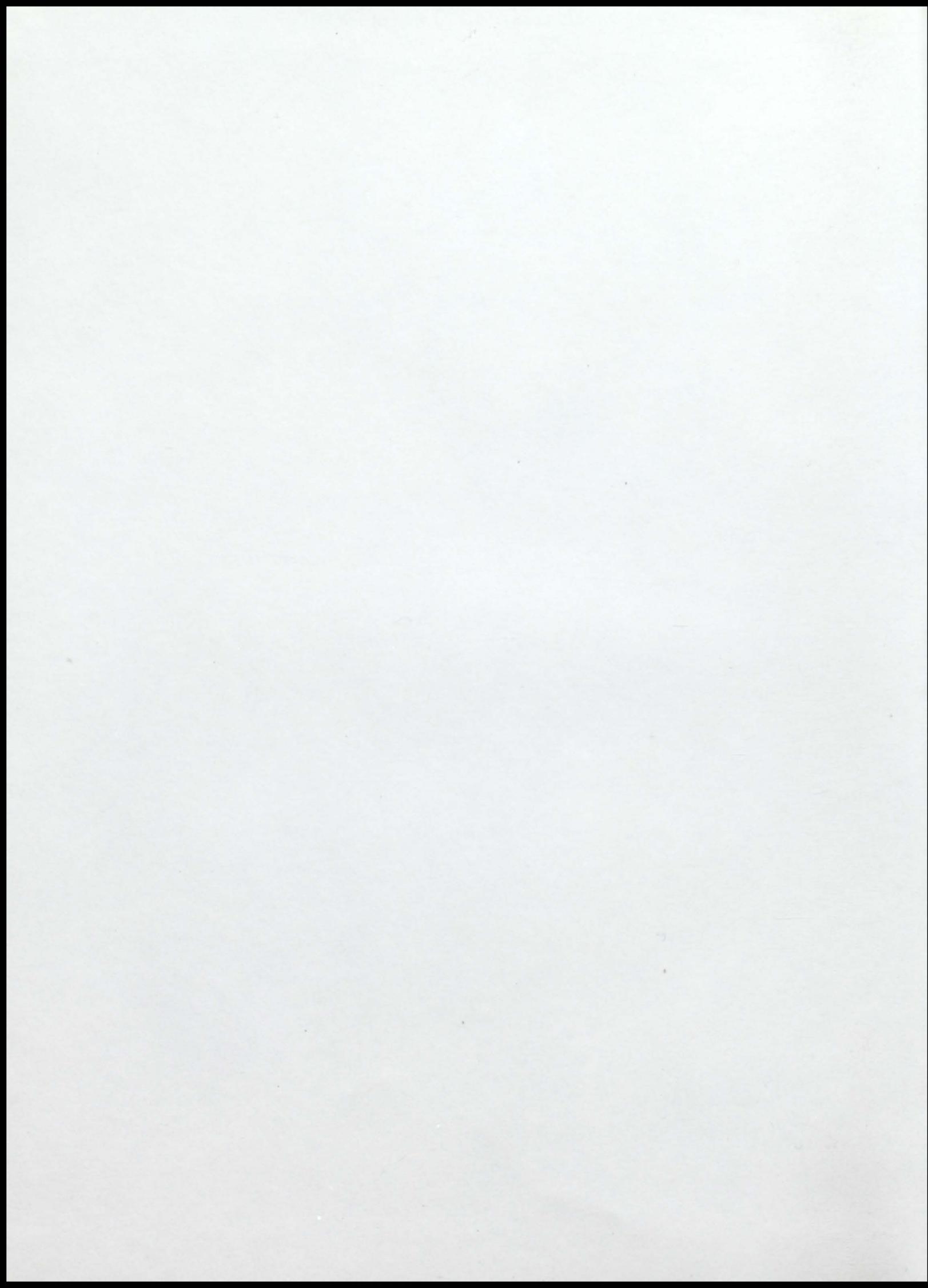


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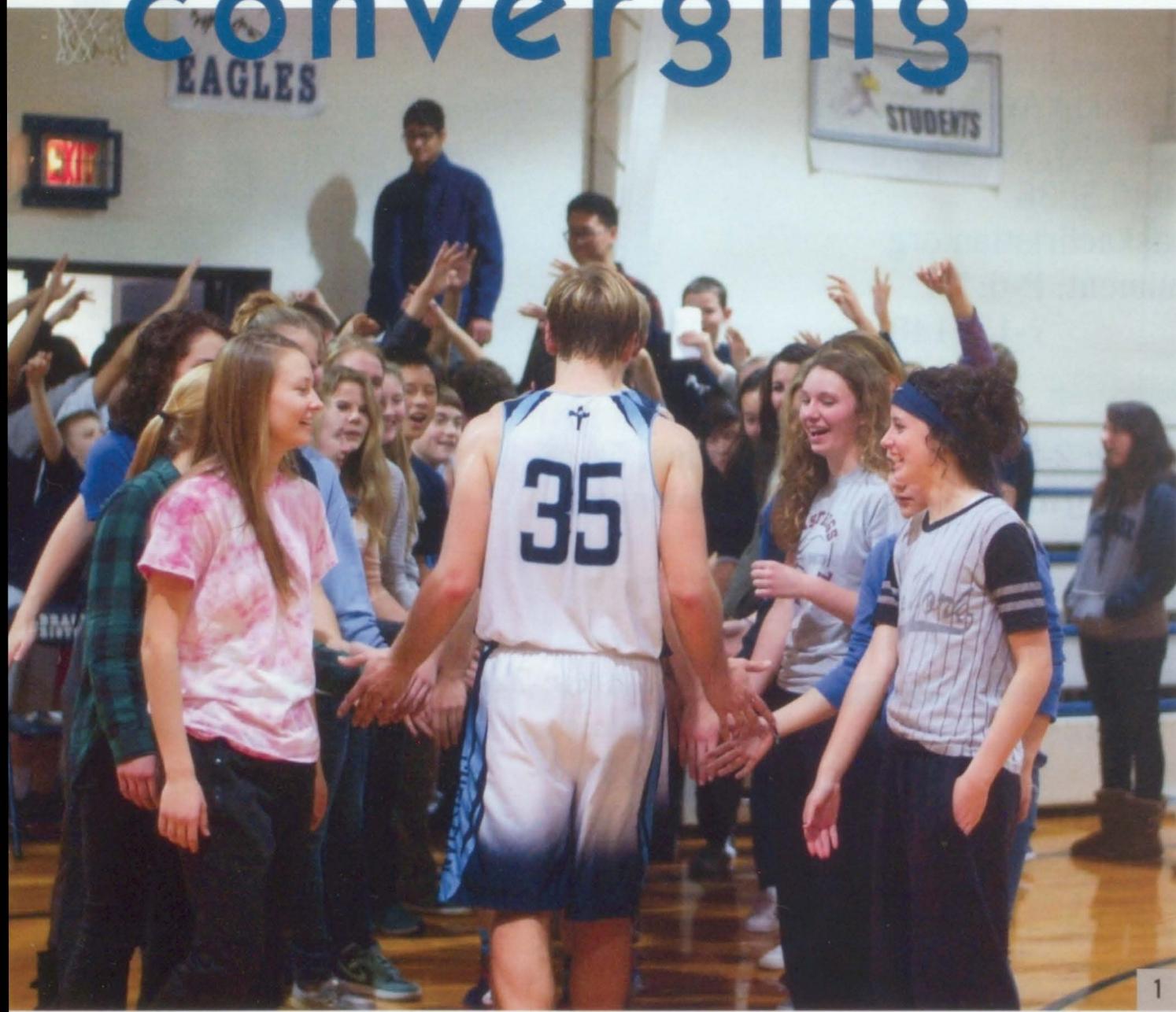
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converging



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1. An ecstatic student section lines up to give Dillon Rose (12) and the rest of the boys' basketball team a high-five after the thrilling upset against High Plains. Although High Plains was rated number one in Class D-1, the NC boys did not let the ranking intimidate them. Instead, they played their hardest and left everything out on the court.

2. Alexis Perry (1), with rosy cheeks and a bright red nose, constructs a snow tower during her afternoon recess. The chance to get outside and expend their energy helped the elementary students to focus better in the classroom and also gave the teachers a much needed break.



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3. Juan Lasso (11), as Dr. Jekyll in the one-act play, tricks Alyssa Gustafson (9) and Lydia Langemeier (10), giving them castor oil instead of chocolate. The drama students put on an entertaining production full of laughter, emotion, and British accents.



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As snow gently falls outside the window, the pre-calculus students, taught by **Mr. Andy Falk**, concentrate on the new lesson. In the computer lab, **Mrs. Dee Flynn** and her Anatomy and Physiology class digitally stimulate a mouse's leg muscle to observe the muscle's response to electronic pulses. Across the hall, the drama class creates a ruckus as they prepare for their one-act play.

After school, everyone goes their separate ways. Some to the gym for sports, others to the music and worship room for chapel practice, and still more to various classrooms for speech.

Different classes. Different activities. Different people.

No two students at Nebraska Christian are the same. God created everyone unique, each with his or her own interests, personalities, and passions. At school, the students have a chance to put aside their differences and come together.

Student participation in extracurricular activities cultivates a field where friendships can flourish. **Isabella Yang (12)** remarked *"After participating in choir, speech, and basketball, I got to know some people better and build strong relationships with them. As we spent time together, we became such close friends that we were more like a family."* These bonds that form between the students set the stage for the entire year. Without these friendships, the school would be disjointed and separated. *"Although we do different activities, we all strive for the same thing: to serve God and do our best,"* said **Katie Nyberg (10)**.

Despite their vast differences, the students gradually come together throughout the school year. Every class, activity, and adventure begins to converge into one shared experience that makes the school year special.

- **Alexis Hower (12)**



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6. After a hard-fought scrimmage against the Central City Bison, the Lady Eagles basketball team huddles in the middle of the court to pray with their teammates and opponents. After every game, win or loss, the girls' and boys' teams prayed with their opponents. This small example of Christ-like character went a long way to show those watching that the students at Nebraska Christian are indeed different.



7. Seventh grader Alyssa Broman (right) vividly describes her insect collection to **McKenna Leonard (7)** and the rest of the seventh grade science class. Throughout the year, **Mrs. Tara Mundt** came up with lots of fun projects to keep the young students focused on their learning while still having a blast.

4. After some exhausting games in the gym, the international girls collapse in a heap on the floor to regain their energy. The girls decided to play a few active and fun games after supper instead of going back to the dorm and lounging around on their computers all evening. **Grace Wu (11)** said *"We had a lot of fun and grew closer together as a family. It was nice to do something different and log off our computers for a while."*

5. Locked in a fierce battle of clothespin tag, **Cassidy Ostrand (12)** attempts to rip the clothespin off of **Hunter Dixon (8)** as he wildly ducks and spins away. Spiritual Emphasis Day gave the students an opportunity to get out in the sun and build relationships with one another through different games and multiple Bible studies.



1. Taking a break from their duties, the Homecoming clean-up crew, comprised of Makenna Loy (12), Alexis Hower (12), and Tara Murphy (12), smile for the camera while perched on a ladder. The senior girls were always eager to lend a hand (especially when it got them out of class).



2. Enjoying a sunny afternoon at the Scarecrow Patch, Grace Wu (11), Sophie Guo (11), and Sonya Wu (10) chuckle over their blunders during a game of human foosball. Fun outings such as this gave the international girls a chance to bond and a break from the everyday routine of the dorms.



3. Showing off their inner Hawaiian spirit, students dazzle in a bright mirage of colorful leis, swishing grass skirts, and garish Hawaiian shirts. The student council hosted multiple dress-up days for sporting events, including the wildly popular Hawaiian night. Pictured front to back, left to right. Row 1: Whitney Heuermann (12), Katie Cumpston (12), Nolan Kohmetscher (12), Cassidy Ostrand (12), Alexis Hower (12), Claire Ostrand (10). Row 2: George Nguyen (12), Brennan Nokelby (10), Spencer Williams (10), Makenna Loy (12). Row 3: Richard Zhao (10), Albert Yang (12), Jon Dockweiler (9).

intertwine



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4. Barry Zhang (9) carefully but quickly passes a Vaseline-covered watermelon into the capable hands of Martin Nguyen (12) during the watermelon relay at Spiritual Emphasis day. The annual event gives students a fun atmosphere to grow in their faith while also bonding with other students outside the classroom.

5. Haloed by sunlight, Kary Xu (10) and Marilla Flynn (11) share a laugh at the school carnival. Flynn became close with many of the international girls by frequently visiting their dorm, where her sister, Ms. Kaity Flynn, is the dorm parent.

6. Gesturing wildly to make a point, Carsyn Ostrand (9) cracks up friends Grace Langemeier (8) and Jada McHargue (9) with a humorous story. Even though Ostrand and McHargue kept busy with newfound high school responsibilities, they still managed to maintain friendships with their younger peers.

Coming Together through Age and Cultural Barriers

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In the early morning hours, soft golden sunlight filters through a scattering of clouds as students meander to their first period classes. Most walk together in pairs or small groups, socializing with peers who, though similar in some aspects, may differ greatly in age, interests, and even nationality. This interweaving of friendship helps make Nebraska Christian unique.

Age is of little importance in the flourishing friendships on campus. It is not uncommon to find upperclassmen pausing in the hallway to chat with one of their younger counterparts, mindless of the age gap between them. *"As a freshman, you wouldn't think you could have such great friendships with the upperclassmen, but they have really taken me under their wing,"* Sydney Fuehrer (9)

remarked.

Not only do friendships develop between students of different ages, but also between those of different nationalities. International and American students alike have the unique opportunity to bond through shared classes, athletic competitions, and social events. Many of these bonds cement into lasting friendships that endure even after school is out, and the students return to their home countries. *"I was always excited to come back after break because I knew I would see my friends again,"* Albert Yang (12) reflected.

In creating these friendships, students are exposed to a culture that is very different from their own. New languages and customs are introduced. As each student

attempts to learn more about the other, the barriers that initially separated them begin to crumble, paving the way for new companionships between Korean, Chinese, Thai, Vietnamese, Kenyan, Taiwanese and American.

Because of the unique patchwork of developing friendships, Nebraska Christian stands distinct from many schools in the state, nation, and even the world. As Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 12:27, all the students, faculty, and staff who have given their lives fully to God are now a part of the body of Christ, and, therefore, are called to "live in harmony...and love as brothers..." (1 Peter 3:8 NIV). This truly is an accurate description of the people who comprise Nebraska Christian Schools.

- Tara Murphy (12)

Leaving a Legacy

Oftentimes, seniors are focused on leaving high school, and the graduating class of 2016 was no exception. They were talented and visionary, with great expectations about their futures. Unfortunately, this urge to graduate posed a temptation for the seniors: would they zone out of their final school year, or would they use that time to make a difference? What would their legacy be?

When questioned about their legacies, the seniors had a variety of comments. Some talked about what sort of legacy

they thought they left behind, while others discussed the difficulties of staying truly engaged during senior year.

There are things I should have said or done, but I gave into fear or selfishness, instead. But what's gone is gone, and you just learn and move on."

Senior Whitney Heuermann stated, "NC has been a huge blessing in my life. I hope that I have been encouraging to other students here. I want that to be my legacy, an encourager." Martin Nguyen (12) commented, "I wish that senior year would slow down a little because by the

time you look back, it's already over."

Lastly, Christina Bailey (12) admitted,

"In the end, I kind of regret my legacy.

The class of 2016 will continue to learn and grow, but their sphere of influence at NC is mostly gone. Fortunately, as a whole, the seniors left Godly legacies and examples for the underclassmen to follow.

- Christina Bailey (12)

1. The senior class poses on the homecoming float for a quick picture. Front to back, from left. Row 1: Cassidy Ostrand, Skyler Qu, Dillon Rose, Trevor Swanson, Panny Wang, Albert Yang, Isabella Yang. Row 2: Nolan Kohmetscher, Cameron Langemeier, Makenna Loy, Tara Murphy, Matt Myers, Jackson Nelson, Duc Nguyen, Martin Nguyen, Phillip Nguyen, George Nguyen. Row 3: Aaron An, Christina Bailey, Katie Cumpston, Noah Dexter, Zac Dockweiler, Logan Faeh, Carson Falk, Whitney Heuermann, Susan Hofmann, Alexis Hower.

2. Logan Faeh (12) taunts Alexis Hower (12) as they play the clothespin game at Spiritual Emphasis Day. This day allowed students to get to know their e-group mates and compete with other groups.



**Ho Kwang
(Aaron) An**

Years at NC: 1
10 years later: Fulfilling my childhood dream of hunting dinosaurs.



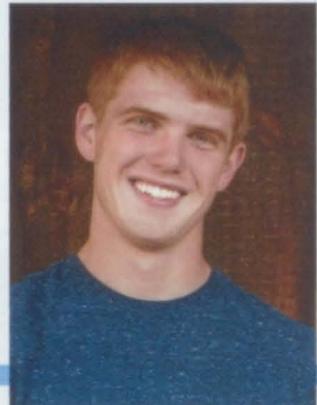
**Christina Marie
Bailey**

Years at NC: 4
10 years later: Living as a hobo secretly subsisting in either a Portlandian bookshop or a hollow oak in Montana.



**Katherine Renae
Cumpston**

Years at NC: 5
10 years later: Still trying to think of an answer to this question.



**Noah Cameron
Dexter**

Years at NC: 6
10 years later: Sitting in my private jet in my pajamas, with a million dollars in the bank and a box of vanilla wafers in my hands.

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**Zachary Allen
Dockweiler**

Years at NC: 13

10 years later: Working a good job, providing for my family, and living for the glory of Jesus Christ.



**Logan James
Faeh**

Years at NC: 5

10 years later: Touring Southern Africa while spreading the joy of mariachi.



**Carson LeRoi
Graham Falk**

Years at NC: 5

10 years later: Working a good job and providing for a family.



**Whitney Ann
Heuermann**

Years at NC: 13

10 years later: Finished with college, traveling the world, and starting a career in agribusiness.



**Susan Marie
Hofmann**

Years at NC: 4

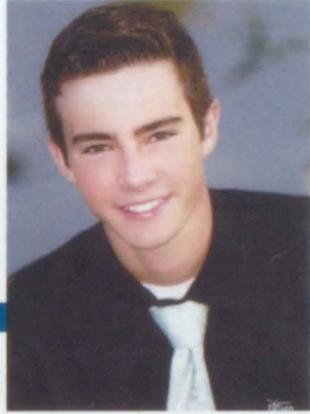
10 years later: Married, raising a family, and working as a nurse in a clinic setting.



**Alexis Paige
Hower**

Years at NC: 13

10 years later: Pursuing the number one criminal on the FBI's Most Wanted List.



**Nolan Ryan
Kohmetscher**

Years at NC: 2

10 years later: Starting as a point guard for the Phoenix Suns and averaging 36 points per game.



**Cameron Douglas
Langemeier**

Years at NC: 6

10 years later: Climbing mountains and working hard to provide for my family...on Mars.



**Makenna Rene
Loy**

Years at NC: 4

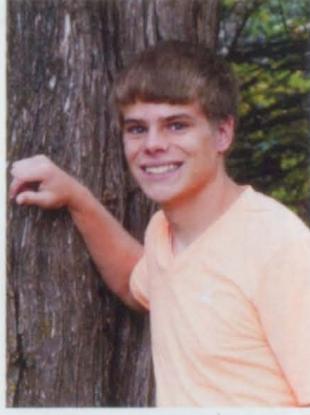
10 years later: Reclining on the patio of my mountain home with a cup of tea and a good book.



**Tara Rosalyn
Murphy**

Years at NC: 4

10 years later: Running the #1 succulent and cacti producing farm in America.



**Matthew Charles
Myers**

Years at NC: 7

10 years later: Working a job, either in computer software or music, where I can be an effective tool for Christ.



**Jackson Nathaniel
Nelson**

Years at NC: 2

10 years later: Fighting for America.

Most likely to...

...still be in college in ten years - **Katie Cumpston**

...become a water boy for the Phoenix Suns - **Nolan Kohmetscher**

...win the hit show "Dancing With the Stars" - **George Nguyen and Cassidy Ostrand**

...join the U.S. Olympic Figure Skating team - **Zac "Snowflak" Dockweiler**

...fall asleep at her own wedding - **Isabella Yang**

...have only one child - **Carson Falk**

...form a wildlife rehabilitation center for baby pandas with dark pasts - **Matt Myers**

...survive the zombie apocalypse with only a dull knife and a single stick of beef jerky - **Jackson Nelson and Alexis Hower**

...be reeled in by an attractive salesman with a European accent and spend \$150.00 on two ounces of face cream - **Whitney Heuermann**

...get sunburned by the moon - **Noah Dexter**



Duc Ngoc Nguyen

Years at NC: 1

10 years later: Sitting in front of a computer 24 hours a day.



Minh Nhat (Martin) Nguyen

Years at NC: 2

10 years later: Working hard to become Superman.



Phuc Ha Hong (Phillip) Nguyen

Years at NC: 2

10 years later: Working in the United States as an I.T. manager for Google.



Tan Huu (George) Nguyen

Years at NC: 2

10 years later: Walking the streets of Manhattan as a fashion disaster.



Cassidy Rae Ostrand

Years at NC: 9

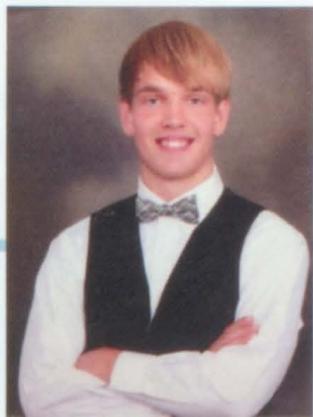
10 years later: Working as a newly graduated medical student with thousands of dollars of debt or running my own cupcake bakery.



Qiru (Skyler) Qu

Years at NC: 3

10 years later: Standing on the same stage as Taylor Swift.



Dillon Tate Rose

Years at NC: 10 1/2

10 years later: Managing a Hilton hotel some place warmer than Nebraska.



Trevor Dane Swanson

Years at NC: 6

10 years later: Married and working at a good job.



Peiyi (Panny) Wang

Years at NC: 2

10 years later: I'll be somewhere.



Qi Chang (Albert) Yang

Years at NC: 3

10 years later: Working where God wants me to be and helping high school students with math.



Qi Xuan (Isabella) Yang

Years at NC: 3

10 years later: Working in a college office as a mentor for students who have trouble with falling asleep in class.

Class Colors: Navy and Yellow

Class Verse:

1 Corinthians 15:58 - "Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."

Class Quote:

"I've learned that our background and circumstances may have influenced who we are, but we are responsible for who we become."

- James Rhinehart

Class Flower: White Hyacinth

From Here to Eternity

High school life is short, disappearing *they help one to survive during challenging times.* *will last a lifetime.*"

like breath on a mirror. College and adulthood soon become the focus, with students searching out the best schools, planning for careers, and looking forward to what comes next. However, what should be the most important part of high school is the friendships the students make. The friendships made in high school carry students through the uncertainty of what is to come. This applied to the junior class of 2015-2016. Rachel Epp (11) said, "Friendships in high school are like rafts in the ocean;

As students go off to college, will they remember each other? Will they be able to move on without each other? Not all friendships made in high school will last through college, but some of them do last a lifetime. Desiree Lutes (11) said, "Friendships in high school are vital to us because they help shape and form us into who we are as people. They give us someone to laugh and to cry with through the good times and bad. They give us someone to create memories with that

In March, the juniors took a trip to Minnesota to visit some colleges and to get to know each other better. The trip helped strengthen current friendships and create new ones.

The juniors enjoyed their time together this year, and they hope to enjoy their final year together. But even after their last year, they should hold onto each other, from here to eternity.

- Cole Ruybalid (11)



1 Juan Lasso (11) and student council president Katie Cumpston (12) chat as Lasso gets sent off to state wrestling. Lasso, Nebraska Christian's only state qualifier in 2016, made his second-straight appearance at the tournament.

Wendy Bornmann



Hailee Broman

Gladys Choi

Trang Doan

Jeremiah Ebel

Jaydon Elge

Katie Entz

Rachel Epp



Marilla Flynn

Tommy Flynn

Corina Ge

Sophie Guo

Alex Hao

Tom Kang

Juan Lasso



Anna Li

Desiree Lutes

Taylor Morris

Janie Mousel

Giang Nguyen

Alyssa Prettyman

Cole Ruybalid



Morgan Schulze

Sarah Simmons

Benny Stevens

Minh Vu

Reagan Williams

Andrew Winsterman

Grace Wu



Juniors

preparing



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2. Cole Ruybalid (11) and Jeremiah Ebel (11) interview a witness in the fall one-act play, *Under Jekyll's Hyde*. The two enjoyed acting together throughout the season.

3. Resplendent in red, white, and blue, the junior class poses on Holiday Day of homecoming week. The junior class's assigned holiday was Independence Day.

4. Reagan Williams (11) and Hailee Broman (11) sew bags for Mission Heart during FCS class. The FCS class and student council worked together with Mission Heart volunteer Mrs. Ruth Ferris to prepare more than 200 hygiene kits that were sent to Zambia.



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5. Sophie Guo (11) listens attentively in class as Miss Rachel Hicks gives the daily English lesson. In part due to working with Hicks, Guo's English improved drastically throughout the year.

6. Wendy Bornmann (11) prepares herself as she gets ready to speak on *The Christian Worldview*, David Wheaton's weekly radio show. On the last day of the junior trip, the juniors visited Wheaton's home, and a few of them got to speak on his radio broadcast.

7. Tommy Flynn (11) and Benny Stevens (11) work together to sweep the gym after a volleyball game. The juniors were in charge of the concession stand and cleanup after each volleyball, football, and basketball game.



A Helping Hand: Morgan Schulze

Ever since her freshman year, junior Morgan Schulze (11) has been a tutor and a teacher's aide for fourth

graders at Immanuel Lutheran School on the outskirts of Polk in Hamilton County. "Volunteering at my old elementary school has given me an insight to what grades I

would look at to teach if God leads me to follow a career path of elementary education," said Schulze.

Schulze dedicates her "off day" from Nebraska Christian to helping these students at Immanuel Lutheran. She works there from 8:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

She not only helps the students, but she also helps the teachers at Immanuel Lutheran. She fetches

papers, grades homework, and many more things. And, in a way, she serves as an ambassador of Nebraska Christian. She truly works hard to build lives for eternity, not just at Nebraska Christian, but everywhere else she travels.

-Cole Ruybalid (11)

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Strengthening the Bonds

Each new year brings new opportunities. For the sophomores, that meant more responsibility. They found themselves maturing more each day and rising into the individuals that God intends for them to be. While still being considered underclassmen, it can be difficult at times to "switch gears" and become more mature students. That didn't stop the sophomores from learning more each day and taking on new tasks and responsibilities.

Sophomore year always tends to be a bit more laid back than freshman year.

Students know the school more efficiently; and, as **Brayden Gustafson** (10) said, "*This year is much better because you know your classmates more, and you are closer to each other than you were the year before.*"

Although sophomore year may be more comfortable, it can also put students in a slump. "*Sophomore year isn't as awkward as freshman year was, but it also isn't as crazy as junior year will be,*" **Danae Burdett** (10) expressed.

After being so eager to enter high school freshman year, students sometimes find

the sophomore year to be boring. The thought of having to complete three more years of tests and homework can seem like a drag. However, students in the class of 2018 realized that sophomore year was the perfect time to build relationships before the craziness of the junior and senior years. **Jessica Hilderbrand** (10) summed up the year, stating, "*Sophomore year is unique because instead of learning to fit in, we can focus on strengthening our relationships with one another.*"

-**Janie Mousel** (11)



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1. During the night of the NC carnival, a football scrimmage is always held. **Ben Griess** (10), **Tim Hofmann** (10), **Brennan Nokelby** (10), and **Spencer Williams** (10) enjoy each other's company after the game.

Landon Barcel
Danae Burdett
Clara Chon



Keziah Dexter
Corryn Falk
Andrew Feely
Benjamin Griess
Brayden Gustafson
Jessica Hilderbrand
Timothy Hofmann



Joel Kaczor
Ji Ha Kim
Kyle Kim
Melinda Kim
Lydia Langemeier
Cream Masatit
Anna Musgrave



Daniel Myers
Brennan Nokelby
Katie Nyberg
Claire Ostrand
Joel Poppe
Micah Smith
Luke Swanson



Chase Tate
Samuel Twogood
Rocky Wang
Spencer Williams
Sonya Wu
Kary Xu
Richard Zhao



Sophomores

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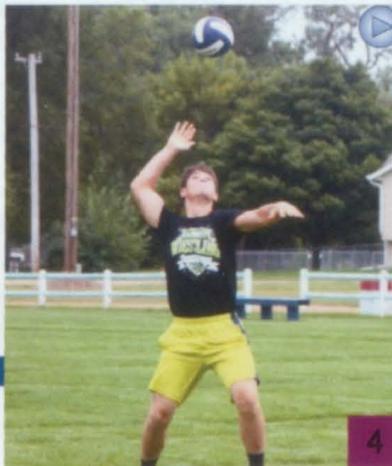


2. The sophomore class poses for a "Class Holiday" photo during homecoming week. Each class was assigned a different holiday, and the sophomores had Valentine's Day.

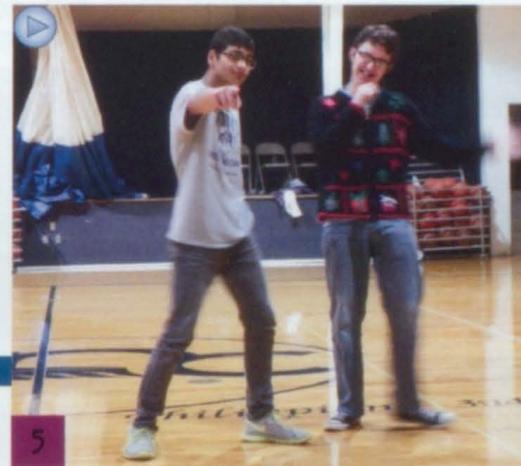
3. Danae Burdett (10) and Anna Musgrave (10) work on the backdrops for the fall one-act play. The drama class built and painted all of the sets for *Under Jekyll's Hyde*.



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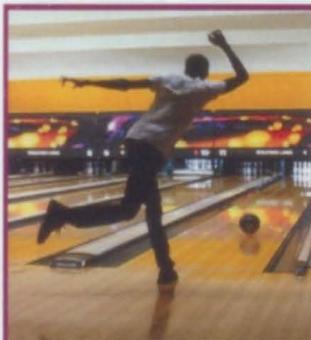


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4. During a pep rally, Luke Swanson (10) dizzyly attempts to hit a volleyball through the football goal post. At the pep rally, teams were selected and then required to spin around multiple times before running to the goal post and serving a winning goal.

5. Chase Tate (10) and Cole Ruybalid (11) lip sync and dance to Pentatonix's "Carol of the Bells" at the student council-sponsored Christmas lip sync battle. Tate and Ruybalid won the competition.

6. Brayden Gustafson (10), Sam Twogood (10), Andrew Feely (10), and the rest of the sophomore class listen intently to Mr. Andy Falk, their Geometry teacher. Geometry could be a difficult class, but Falk did a great job of keeping the students interested.



Pastime Activities: Landon Barcel

Many of the students that attend NC have hobbies and activities outside of school, but one student stands out. Sophomore Landon Barcel plays a sport that's different from the usual basketball or football. Barcel is a member of the "Boulevard" bowling team in

Columbus, Nebraska. He began bowling in the fifth grade when his mother felt he needed a pastime activity after school. Unsure if he would like it or not, Barcel decided to try it out. Bowling turned out to be more fun than he had anticipated, and he remains on the team to this day. The teams are fairly small, consisting of two people each, but that doesn't stop them from having fun and playing

their hardest. Every Monday, the teams play at 4:00 p.m.

Sports are a great way to join in fellowship with others and as Barcel says, "*The best part about bowling is getting to hang out with other guys and get to know more people better.*" What began as a pastime may launch a career, as Barcel hopes to join the Wichita State bowling team and then bowl professionally.

-Janie Mousel (11)

Moving to a Higher Level

The freshman year of high school is unforgettable, coming with new friends, challenges, and experiences. So why not make it the best possible? Nebraska Christian's class of 2019 held 31 ready and eager to learn students during its freshman year. The students adapted fairly smoothly from junior high to high school, and the class all came together to support one another in the process. When asked about the adjustment from junior high to high school, **Trevor Cumpston (9)** said, "I would say the hardest part of transitioning between junior high and

high school has been the time it takes to do well in sports and school. It isn't necessarily a bad thing, but it takes adjustment. I really like being on teams with the older kids because they show us how to practice and act."

While coming home from an athletic event to a pile of homework can be trying, it has taught many to be skilled at time management. **Jada McHargue (9)** elaborated on balancing sports and school, saying, "It can be hard, but once you get used to it, it's not so bad! It has really been helpful to be organized, and

writing assignments down in my planner has been beneficial."

Be it in class or at a football game, the freshman class was bound to each other, ready to take on the next four years together. **Skylar Swantek (9)** said of her class, "The freshman class is pretty cool because we all work really well together. We all have a lot of fun but work hard while we're at it. This year has been full of learning, with several late nights and early mornings, but all has been worth it."

- **Laura Carlson (9)**



1. Half of the freshman class sits in Geography during 3rd period, listening to **Mr. Clay Mankin** review information in preparation for an upcoming test. The class learned facts about different cultures around the world. **Curt Bailey (9)** said, "Geography is great! I really enjoy seeing the daily headlines. I think we have fun, and there's nothing I don't like."

Baron Bai
Curtis Bailey
Noah Boersen



Justin Brock

Laura Carlson

Trevor Cumpston

Ryan Dexter

Jonathan Dockweiler

Adrienne Falk

Madison Felt



Sydney Fuehrer

Cody Gries

Alyssa Gustafson

Bradley Hilderbrand

Michelle Huang

Benjamin Janssen

Emma Kaczor



Adrian Longoria

Jada McHargue

Cejay Mieh

Carsyn Ostrand

Kate Pipher

Olivia Prettyman

Halle Strong



Skylar Swantek

Jake Twogood

Alison Winsterman

Bella Yin

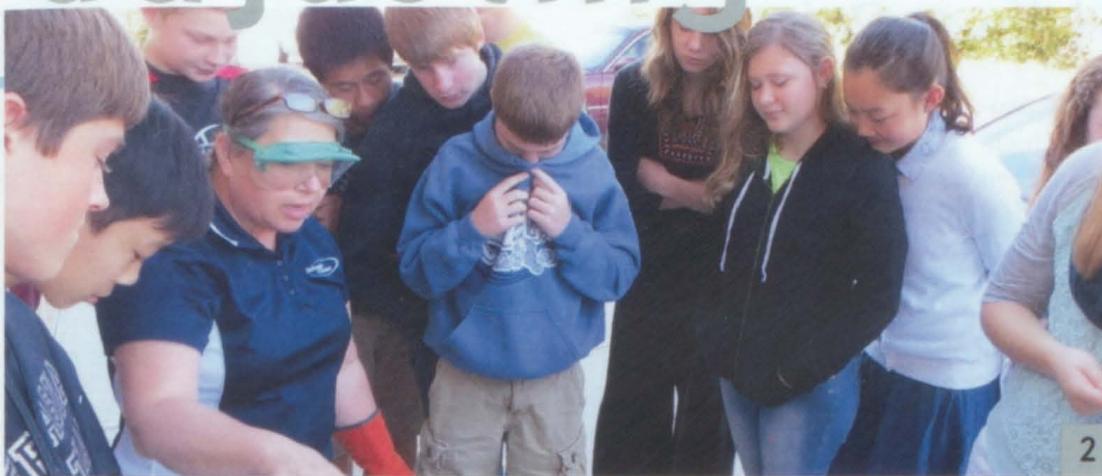
Kevin Yu

Bennett Zaruba

Barry Zhang



adjusting



2. Mrs. Dee Flynn's 2nd period Physical Science class observes sulfuric acid outside the building. This was just one of the many engaging experiments conducted by the class. **Madison Felt (9)** said, "Mrs. Flynn is amazing! She is really good at explaining things when you ask questions. I wouldn't change a thing about science class. My class is awesome, and they are like my second family."

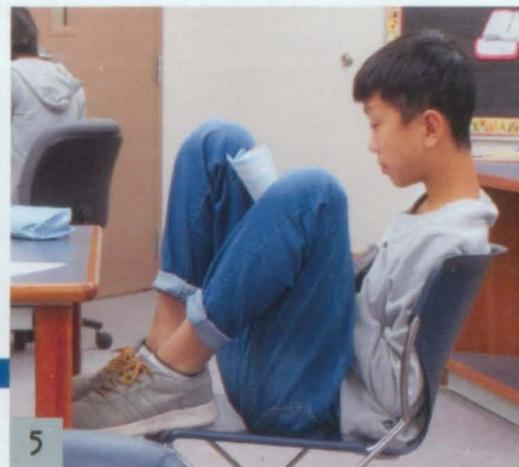
3. Alyssa Gustafson (9) explains how her Rube Goldberg project will work, while students look on. Rube Goldberg day is always one of the most popular of the year, and many staff and study hall students joined the physical science class to observe.



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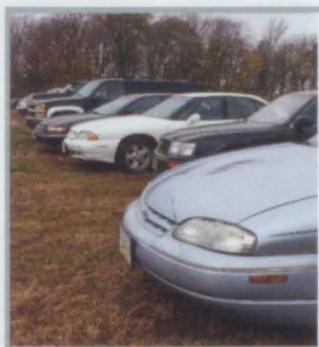


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4. Intensely concentrating, **Bennett Zaruba (9)** lights tea lights for the Dinner & Benefit Auction. Students worked in a variety of jobs at the auction to help the event run smoothly.

5. Kevin Yu (9) pours over his vocabulary book during 5th hour study hall. Of the study hall, Yu said, "In study hall I do my homework. Mrs. [Ronda] Jividen makes sure we are quiet, but we still have a great time."

6. The freshmen, decked out in their St. Patrick's Day clothing, take time out of Bible class to pose for a picture. Bible was one of the only classes all the freshmen took together. **Emma Kaczor (9)** said, "Being split up in different classes can be a good thing because I get to discuss things more. Then, in big classes, I get to see all my friends again."



Student Drivers: Freshman Class

In Nebraska, where students can get a school permit at age 14, driving to school every day is a privilege that is highly sought after. Student driver Alyssa Gustafson said, "Driving needs to be taken seriously. The responsibility is very great, but I love it."

Out of a class of 31 students, eight of

the freshmen drive to school. Several drive only on occasion, sometimes taking over the wheel for an older sibling. Three of the students live less than one mile away from school, so they can't drive to school legally, but they hold a learner's permit.

The invigorating feeling of cruising with your windows rolled down and music turned up is a freedom that is desirable to almost everyone. **Justin Brock (9)**, who commutes every day,

said, "Driving to school takes a lot of responsibility. You have to be fully alert, awake, and ready for anything. Getting my license was definitely worth it, and it makes things easier for my parents and for me."

The convenience of never having to wait on anybody to pick you up is tremendous, and the feeling of pure freedom is unmatched.

- Laura Carlson (9)

Meeting the Halfway Point

Every student must embark on a two-year long escapade known as junior high. These young students experience an entirely new atmosphere, such as new teachers, more advanced classes, and even a different dress code. When asked about this transition, **Stephanie Strobel (8)** replied, "Junior high is really fun, and I've met a lot of cool people." Her positive outlook is one that many junior high students possess. As many older students would agree, moving up through

junior high is a great experience of growth and maturity. "I think you could say we are all maturing slowly but surely. We all have our awkward moments, and we all will look back and laugh our heads off at how we tried to be cool and ended up talking to ourselves," **Alyssa Broman (7)** reflected laughingly.

Along with this transition, junior high students also have the option to participate on a more competitive level through junior high sports. "Junior high

sports are fun because you can really see your teammates mature over the years you have together," **Micah Loy (8)** commented.

Transitioning from elementary to high school is an often terrifying experience, but these junior high students are prepared to vigorously conquer their "awkward" years.

- **Makenna Loy (12)**



1 Senior Jackson Nelson takes on junior high students **Cody Kaczor (7)** and **Micah Loy (8)** in an intense game of tether ball at the Fall Spiritual Emphasis Day. A unique aspect about NC is the close, friendly bond between upper and lower class students.

Elijah Boersen, 7



Alyssa Broman, 7



Elijah Green, 7



Olivia Janssen, 7



Anthony Jividen, 7



Cody Kaczor, 7



McKenna Leonard, 7



Carl Mundt, 7



Grant Stuhmer, 7



Shelby Swanson, 7



Tobias Zaruba, 7



JC Chen, 8



Hunter Dixon, 8



Lauren Feely, 8



Kalob Green, 8



Kelby Gustafson, 8



Amy Hilderbrand, 8



Seth Hower, 8



Kendyl Jividen, 8



Grace Langemeier, 8



Jayden Leonard, 8



Micah Loy, 8



Nathan Mousel, 8



Jamie Myers, 8



Garrett Nokelby, 8



Jack Pang, 8



Cory Ruybalid, 8



Jack Stebbing, 8



Stephanie Strobel, 8



maturing



2. Kalob Green (8), McKenzie Schweitzer (7), Elijah Green (7), Garrett Nokelby (8), Cody Kaczor (7), Jayden Leonard (7), and Shelby Swanson (7) participate in the annual Math Day. Mr. Andy Falk, with the assistance of various upperclassmen, puts on this event every spring for the younger students.

3. Seth Hower (8) passes off a greased watermelon to Nathan Mousel (8) in the final game at Spiritual Emphasis Day. While the other games were played in e-groups, Pass the Watermelon involved the entire student body.



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4. Focusing on her music, Olivia Janssen (7) plays with the band. The junior highers were instrumental to the band's success.

5. Shelby Swanson (7) plays PLINKO at the NC Carnival. New students like Swanson were able to meet many people at the carnival.

6. Mrs. Tracy Myers receives a helping hand from Kelby Gustafson (8), Kendyl Jividen (8), and Jamie Myers (8) as she prepares for the annual NC Carnival. Many students and families volunteered to run games at the carnival.



Big Changes: Cody Kaczor

Transitioning from elementary to junior high is always a big adjustment. For many students, that transition is made more difficult because they are also changing schools. Seventh grader Cody Kaczor is one such student. For the earlier years of his schooling, Kaczor attended a

small two-room Christian school in Cairo, Nebraska, called New Hope Christian School. When asked about the transition from New Hope to NC, he said that NC is very different. *"Switching from class to class and walking across campus is something that I've never had to do before,"* Kaczor commented.

New Hope is a small school of twenty some students, and Kaczor's

favorite aspect of NC is that he has more friends. He believes that he has made life long friends at NC. Kaczor misses the recesses and field trips he took at New Hope, but he likes being a part of a bigger school, and he especially enjoys PE class. Kaczor is exuberant about attending NC.

- Makenna Loy (12)

Joy in Adjusting

As new challenges and opportunities arise, elementary students of all ages are prepared to begin their little adventures with confidence. They race from here to there with plenty of energy and spirit to spare. The innocence and simplicity the students carry creates an exciting atmosphere wherever they may go.

Upperclassmen of all ages love the elementary students' company, to say the least. Some of the upperclassmen even give up study hall time to be a teacher's aide in the elementary. Taylor Morris (11) said, "Through playing with the kids

at recess, I have learned patience, how to manage conflict, and how to be a leader."

During their time in the elementary, students begin to develop basic skills such as working together, meeting new friends, and displaying kindness. Whether they're in fifth grade or first, courtesy is being shared between everyone. Upper elementary students like **Conner Broman** (6) have learned quite a few things throughout their years. Broman said, "*I'm higher up in the elementary, and everyone looks up to the 6th graders, including me, so that's*

different because I'm so used to people looking down on me."

Adjustments are necessary and vital, but not difficult for the mighty students. Friends are also being made nearly every year with the handful of new additions that come to each of their classes. Without blinking an eye, the affable little members greet new-comers with kindness. God has placed gracious gifts like the elementary students at Nebraska Christian, and He continues to bless the school in every way.

- Hailee Broman (11)



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Kaitly Berck, P
Macyn Gustafson, P
Christian Jividen, P
Arjun Kalabhai, P
Adelain Mankin, P
McKinley Mankin, P
Honey Rae Merchant, P



Zade Ratliff, P
Emma Zanger, P
Noah Creutzb erg, K
Kaley Krug, K
Alyza Leonard, K
Anisha McCray-Luce, K
Trev McHargue, K



Ava Merchant, K
Emily Perry, K
Abby Berck, 1
Alexis Perry, 1
Caleb Whalen, 1
Julia Merchant, 2
William Poland, 2



Nathan Fetterley, 3
Evelyn Poland, 3
Alyssa Springer, 3
Alexandra Bruning, 4
William Davis, 4
Rachel Hale, 4
Landen Leonard, 4



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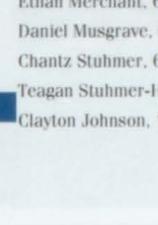
Christopher Medlock, 4
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Kylie Merchant, 4
Richard Musgrave, 4
Faith Springer, 4
Christian Strobel, 4
Marisa Fetterley, 5



Gabriel Langemeier, 5
Sarah Lasso, 5
Marlie Mundt, 5
Riley Schreiber, 5
Amy Springer, 5
Malachi Zaruba, 5
Conner Broman, 6



Tyler Cumpston, 6
Zachary Egeland, 6
Aidan Feely, 6
Molly Griess, 6
Shelby McHargue, 6
Sidney McHargue, 6
Thomas Mendez, 6



Ethan Merchant, 6
Daniel Musgrave, 6
Chantz Stuhmer, 6
Teagan Stuhmer-Haynes, 6
Clayton Johnson, 1 (new 2nd semester)



3. Elementary students fly kites at Bader Park. One day in early May, the whole elementary spent the day at Bader Park outside of Chapman, learning about nature and flying kites.

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Broken Bones: Abby, Kylie & Noah

2015 was the year to break a bone. Three elementary students, Abby Berck (1), Kylie Merchant (4), and Noah

Creutzberg (K), had broken bones during the first semester. Each had a different story, however. Berck broke her leg when she took a tumble on her trampoline. "The

worst part," Berck stated, "is no more trampoline. But the best part was that I got a pink cast." Even though she spent the first several weeks of the school year in a wheelchair, Berck kept a positive outlook.

Merchant's story is similar. While trying to catch herself from falling off the slide, she landed just right on her arm. "It hurts, but now my brother can't tackle me," she said. Her spunk and spirit kept up, even with a

mangled arm.

Creutzberg's injury came after a tumble off his bike. "I haven't broken it before," he said. "It hurt a lot, but my cast is off now. The best part was getting my cast off. Then I got an x-ray; and after that I got candy!" Like the others, Creutzberg carried a cheerful attitude with ease. Through positivity, each of these students got through a minor road block in their school year. - Hailee Broman (11)

In the Background

The faculty and staff of Nebraska Christian form the backbone of the school; without their dedication, the school would not exist. Unfortunately, they are often background characters: janitors, cooks, teacher's aides, and secretaries, whose work mostly goes unnoticed and unappreciated. Even the more obvious faculty and staff members, such as the teachers, do a great deal of their work outside of the typical, eight hour school day.

So, why would anyone insist on such a thankless career? NC cook Cheryl Hilderbrand shed some light on the subject. "I often struggle with my money! No, really, though, I've had other motivation," Hilderbrand admitted. "My goal, however, is to do all that I need to do where God has me, no matter what."

Susan Ritta, the executive secretary, stated that she finds motivation for her job in just being "part of the NC family."

Obviously, teachers put a lot of work into their jobs, as well, and receive little

appreciation. When questioned about his reason for teaching, math teacher Andy Falk replied, "Why do I teach? For the goal, however, is to do all that I need to influence kids for the Lord."

God is truly at work in these background characters, using their collective efforts to equip students with the knowledge and love of Jesus.

- Christina Bailey (12)



Chris Broman, Cook
Harold Cook, Custodian



1. Mr. Mike Flynn prepares to direct the elementary band students during the Harvest Festival. Flynn has been encouraging and training NC music students since 2005.

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2. Mrs. Chris Broman cleans up after one of the lunch meals. Broman was a new and welcome addition to the kitchen staff this year, often brightening people's days with her friendly smiles and warm personality.

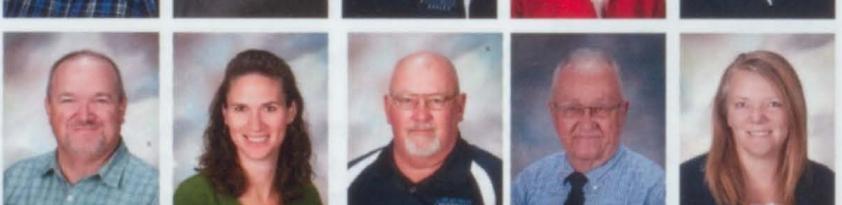
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Curtis Cooper, Custodian
Josh Cumpston, Superintendent, Bible
Tom Dockweiler, Business Manager,
Math
Terry Elge, Wrestling
Andy Falk, Math, Bible
Ruth Ferris, Librarian
Amy Fetterley, Elementary Aide,
Foundation Aide



Dee Flynn, Science, Quiz Bowl, Boys'
Dorm
Kaity Flynn, Girls' Dorm, ESL
Mike Flynn, Music, Math, Boys' Dorm
Stephani Franci, Director of
Development
David Gee, Industrial Technology
Gil Glad, Public Relations
Karmen Hamer, English, Drama, ESL



Jody Heuermann, Foundation Director
Rachel Hicks, English, ESL, National
Honor Society
Cheryl Hilderbrand, Cook
Larry Hoff, International Program
Director,
Daurice Hower, Program Assistant
Steve James, Guidance Counselor
Donna Janssen, Elementary Aide



equipping



Rachel Jewell, Boys' Dorm
 Tim Jewell, Boys' Dorm, Cook
 Ronda Jividen, Study Hall Monitor
 Renate Johansen, Art
 Scott Johnson, Cross Country
 Gib Killion, International Program Director, Bible
 Kathy Kirby, Head Cook

Kristy Langemeier, Special Events
 Deana Leonard, Preschool, Special Events Assistant
 Mark Leonard, Business, Computer, Media, Boys' Basketball
 Clay Mankin, Social Studies, Bible, Soccer
 Karen Miotke, Business Office Assistant
 Tara Mundt, Science, Quiz Bowl
 Sara Musgrave, Spanish

Carl Ostrand, Social Studies, Bible, Football, Track
 Tonya Ostrand, Spanish, PE, Volleyball
 Becky Ritta, Media Relations, Yearbook, Student Council
 Robert Ritta, Director of Maintenance and Food Service
 Susan Ritta, Executive Secretary
 Denise Schreiber, 3rd & 4th
 Larry Schreiber, Activities Director, PE, Guidance Counselor

Wendy Schwitzer, Cook
 Charisse Smith, 5th & 6th, Speech
 Janice Stuhmer, English, FCS, Math
 Gordon Thieszen, Chaplain, Girls' Basketball
 Patty Welk, Resource, Elementary Librarian
 Eric Zanger, International Program Director, Bible
 Verna Zaruba, K-2nd, Elementary Head Teacher



4. Mrs. Amy Fetterley leads the kindergarten through 2nd grade students in their P.E. class. This was Fetterley's first year at Nebraska Christian, and as an elementary aide, she took on numerous duties, including elementary P.E. "coach" and recess monitor. In the second semester, Fetterley transitioned to the administrative side of things, working in the NC Foundation office.

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Meet the Dorm Mom: Kaity Flynn

Miss Kaity Flynn is no stranger to NC. She graduated from NC in 2006 and has worked at the school off

and on in the years since. Flynn currently teaches an ESL class and tutors international students, but her main position on campus is the girls' dorm mom.

As a dorm mother, Flynn holds much responsibility, from attending to the spiritual and emotional needs of her girls and planning dorm activities, to cooking meals on the weekends and catching mice. Though she is very busy, Flynn truly enjoys her job. "I love getting to hang out with the girls," she stated, "I feel like we are a family."

Flynn's capabilities as a dorm

mother are clearly seen in her girls' kind words about her. Skyler Qu (12), related, "Whenever we have a problem, we can go to Ms. Kaity, even if it is in the middle of the night!" Another dorm girl, Grace Wu (11), declared, "I love Ms. Kaity from the bottom of my heart! She has lots of energy and even gives me piggy back rides." NC is truly thankful for Flynn's dedication over the years!

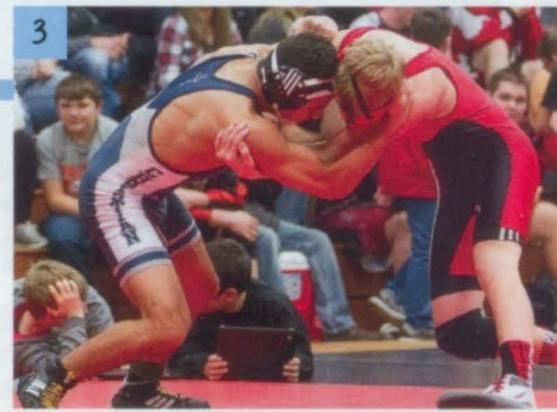
- Christina Bailey (12)



1. Members of the Lady Eagle volleyball team come together in the center of the court to exchange congratulations, encouragement, and high fives. Unity is truly essential in volleyball, as teammates strongly rely on each other to be where they are supposed to be, carrying out the individual responsibilities required of them.



2. Claire Ostrand (10) soars over the bar while pole vaulting at the Merrick County Invitational track meet. Since she participated in a variety of events throughout the season, Ostrand greatly contributed to the team's success as she garnered points by placing in her events.



3. Locked in a fierce battle, Juan Lasso (11) strives to take down his opponent during a wrestling match. Lasso worked hard to sharpen his skills over the course of the season, which eventually led him to qualify for the state wrestling meet. Though wrestling may sometimes be considered an individual sport, unity is still paramount for success, as wrestlers rely on their teammates to hone their skills during practice, commonly sparring against each other to work on their moves.

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4. Sam Twogood (10) finishes his leg of the 3200 meter relay and hands the baton off to teammate Nolan Kohmetscher (12). In track and field, most events are individual; however, relays require a team effort from all members to run their hardest, finish well, and hopefully cut down time.

5. Taking a breather, Grace Langemeier (8) exchanges high-fives with teammate Jamie Myers (8) as the rest of the team gathers for a time-out during a junior high basketball game. By participating in junior high sports, students get a taste for the type of competition and level of intensity they will experience in high school, all the while developing team unity at an early stage.

6. Benny Stevens (11) targets a linebacker to block as Trevor Cumpston (9) prepares to hand the ball off to Andrew Winsterman (11). Football requires all players on the field to be on the same page at all times, so that plays may be carried out and defenses set up according to the coaches' instructions. When the entire team works together as a single unit, the chances of pulling out a win increase exponentially.

Success and Friendship Rooted in Unity

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In the realm of athletics, the components that go into making a successful team are vast and varied; athletic ability, competent coaching, and driven competitors all play a part in pulling out a successful season. One largely-overlooked component of success, however, is unity. A truly unified team will not only be more likely to experience success, but will also experience a depth in relationships that is unattainable on any divided team. At Nebraska Christian, the athletic teams are blessed with unity due mainly to a single factor that binds them together: their belief in Christ.

It shouldn't come as a surprise that a unified team will be more likely to experience success. Simply imagine what it would be like if, during a football game, the quarterback decided at the last

second to run his own play, one that would ultimately allow him to score the touchdown. The result would be disastrous. In order for the team to have the best chance of scoring, all the players and coaches must be unified in their efforts, dedicated to the overall team's success rather than their own. *"Galatians 6:2 admonishes us to 'bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.' Sports teams need to be focused on the same goal. Truly successful teams display this dynamic,"* said Mr. Carl Ostrand, who serves as head coach for both football and track.

A truly unified team will also cultivate stronger relationships between the players. At Nebraska Christian, it's easy to see the depth of friendship each team builds over the course of the season.

Athletes encourage and pour into their teammates, celebrating each other's triumphant victories and commiserating the discouraging losses. Many students at Nebraska Christian find that their closest friends emerge from their shared experience on a sports team. *"Playing and working together on a team builds a strong bond between the new athletes and the 'veterans' that many of us would not have had otherwise,"* said two sport athlete Jake Twogood (9).

Nebraska Christian is truly blessed with unity in all of their athletic teams. Athletes and coaches alike grow closer together over the course of a season, single-minded in their goal to glorify Christ through their efforts and attitudes.

-Tara Murphy (12)



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3. As teammates and competitors, Brad Hilderbrand (9) and Ryan Dexter (9) spur each other to get better. The boys' cross country team gained six new freshmen in 2015.

4. Cameron Langemeier (12) keeps up a steady pace despite the long distance and daunting hills that stand between him and the finish line. Langemeier was an influential part of the boys' cross country team for four years.

STRIDE together

a season of growth

When people think of cross country, they usually think of running, running and more running, which is true, but it is so much more. Cross country involves a lot of individual hard work and dedication even before the cross country season begins. Although cross country appears to be an individual sport, the individuals are also members of a team that can feel more like a family.

After a summer of individually working to stay in shape, it was a refreshing change to work with others with a common goal. As a team the cross country runners endured the physical challenges of the season by encouraging each other on and depending on God. "I liked the progress over the season because you could see all your hard work paying off in the meets," said Jon Dockweiler (9).

For the 2015 season, the cross country

runners were blessed with the return of coaches Scott Johnson and Larry Hoff after the retirement of previous coach Janet Landrigan. Alyssa Prettyman (11) said of Coach Johnson, "He was always encouraging through every practice, easy or hard. The workouts were difficult, but he knew what he was doing, and in the end it paid off."

While the teams didn't see group success on the state level, they did have other successes. Both teams were crowned Goldenrod Conference Champions at the inaugural conference meet, and Katie Cumpston (12), Nolan Kohmetscher (12), Alyssa Prettyman (11), and Brennan Nokelby (10) qualified for state. Cumpston (5th), Kohmetscher (3rd), and Nokelby (7th) placed at the meet. In its own way, the 2015 season was a success.

-Halle Strong (9)



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6. Fighting off a competitor, Alyssa Prettyman (11) sprints toward the finish line during the Aurora meet. Prettyman's positive attitude helped encourage the girls' cross country team.



1. Nolan Kohmetscher (12) shakes the hand of a competitor just before the Aurora race. After years of competing, friendships developed between runners from opposing teams.

2. Focusing on the finish line, Katie Cumpston (12) pushes herself to run faster. The 2015 season wrapped up a successful high school career for Cumpston, who qualified for the state meet all four years. She said, *"This being my last year, I was really thankful I could finish up my high school career like I did."*

5. The NC cross country girls huddle around to pray before the Central City race. Praying together was a constant source of encouragement at both meets and practices.

score box

Girls	Boys
6	Boone Central
-	Aurora
4	Central City
-	Boone Central
5	UNK
2	Hastings St. Cecilia
1	Goldenrod Conference
4	Districts



7. Looking ahead, Brennan Nokelby (10) dashes toward the finish line, determined to do well. Nokelby had an outstanding season, qualifying for state for a second straight year.



8. Alyssa Prettyman (11), Katie Nyberg (10), Halle Strong (9) and Katie Cumpston (12) try to calm their nerves just seconds before the gun goes off. The starting line of a cross country meet was a place where nervous fear met with excitement.



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3. A Heartland player, gang tackled by Andrew Winsterman (11), Luke Swanson (10), and Benny Stevens (11), goes down forcefully. The Eagles' win over Heartland came in the second game of a successful season.

4. Andrew Winsterman (11) dodges a Humphrey defender with amazing balance and skill. Winsterman had a few tough injuries during the season, but he managed to finish strong, nonetheless.

STAND together

determined to triumph

Through all the injuries, big opponents, way up to number six in Class D1 and ups and downs, the Eagle football defense. Though the Eagles were team stood together and battled as a unit. oftentimes out-gunned, out-sized, and The Eagle's season was tough, but every moment was worth it. The team's record was an amazing 6-2, with its only two losses to East Butler and Clarkson/Leigh, both of which made the playoffs.

Even though the season seemed short, due to the team being ineligible for improvement and have a better record than last year, which was 5-3. **Tommy Flynn** (11) said, "I think we achieved our goal and played better as a team compared to last year." The team really wanted to make a statement on defense this year, and they did that with a lot of success.

The Eagle defense excelled against every opponent. The team managed to work its

players, the players learned numerous life lessons. **Andrew Winsterman** (11) said, "Leadership and heart taught us a lot this season. In some of our games, having more heart and determination than the other team is what won us the game."

- **Jeremiah Ebel** (11)



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6. **Jeremiah Ebel** (11) looks for a gap to dash through during a kick return against Heartland. Ebel, who was a part of special teams and defense, ran for many yards to help his team's offense start with good field position.



1. Led by Assistant Coach Andy Falk, the Eagle sideline rushes the field to celebrate the emotional win over Fullerton moments after Benny Stevens (11) dove across the goal line. The over-time win created a brotherhood that could not be broken.

2. As Benny Stevens (11) tries to find a hole in Clarkson/Leigh's defensive he thinks of a way to avoid the defenders in his way. Stevens, who was Nebraska Christians heavy hitter at the line, fought through many things besides other defenders this season, he had many injuries as well.

3. Center Tommy Flynn (11) and the rest of the offensive line wait to go against the Howells/Dodge defensive line. Flynn, who blocked for the running backs and defended the quarterback, enjoyed playing hard for the Lord and the team.

score box

L	East Butler	20-56
W	Heartland	50-30
W	Nebraska Lutheran	46-16
W	Cedar Bluffs	52-12
W	Howells/Dodge	38-20
W	Fullerton	20-18
W	Humphrey/Lindsay Holy Family	40-14
L	Clarkson/Leigh	26-50



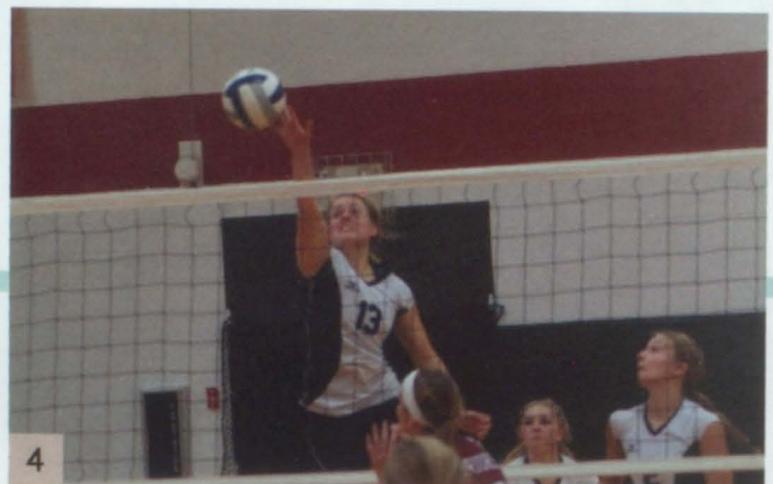
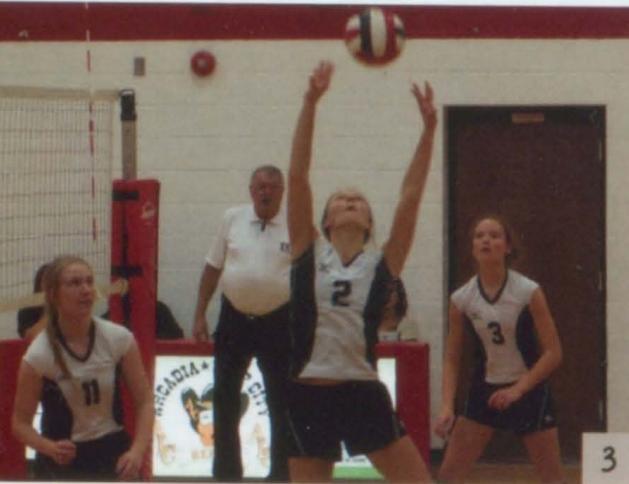
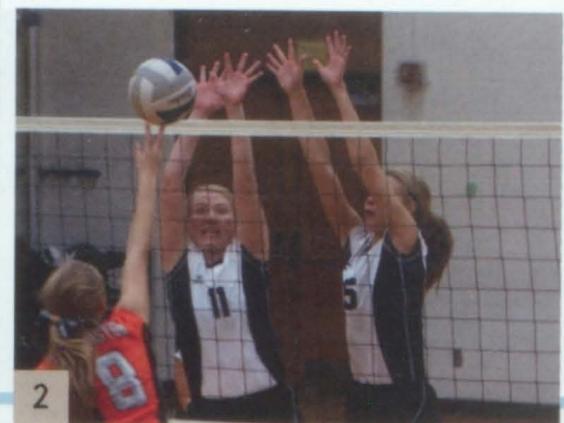
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7. Logan Faeh (12), using his height as an advantage, springs up and catches the ball over a defender. Faeh always encouraged the rest of the team to do their very best in all conditions and not let up the pressure, whether the team was down or winning by a big margin.



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8. Luke Swanson (10), Carson Falk (12), Benny Stevens (11), Logan Faeh (12), and the rest of the Eagle defense get ready to hold the line against Humphrey/Lindsay Holy Family's offense. The Eagle defense stepped up throughout the season and finished sixth defensively in class D1.



3. Carsyn Ostrand (9) sets the ball to the outside as Corryn Falk (10) and Olivia Prettyman (9) get off the net and eagerly prepare to hit. As a freshman, Ostrand filled the demanding position of starting setter with determination and confidence.

4. Soaring high above the net, Whitney Heuermann (12) puts the ball down against Fullerton during the Fullerton triangular. Heuermann stepped up her blocking game this year and became a great foundation for the team on the net.

RALLY together

from diversity to unity

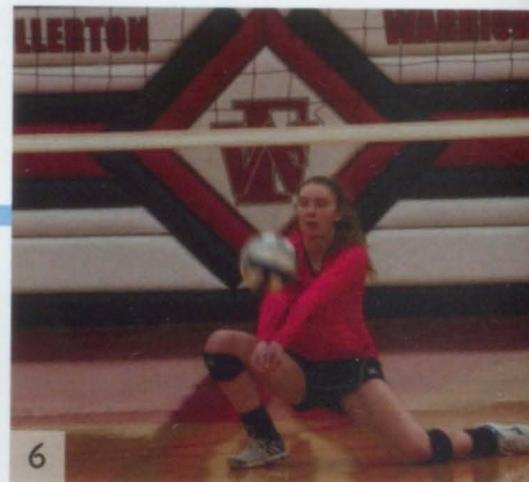
Twenty-four girls started out the 2015 volleyball season. They were a conglomeration of players with vastly different levels of experience on the court. Brought together by a passion for the game, a desire to compete, and a love for God, the volleyball team practiced together, played together, and grew together. Each practice and game presented a new obstacle that required the team to rally together and overcome the hardship. By the end of the season, the Lady Eagles had become a cohesive unit.

Since the players ranged from freshmen to seniors, each one had a different experience on the court. During her entire high school career, Cassidy Ostrand (12) started on the varsity team. This year, however, was different because she was

one of the oldest on the team. Ostrand said, "There is a completely different feel to a team when you're the one leading. Being a senior differs from all the other grades in that people look up to you for help, for guidance, and, most of all, for leadership." On the other end of the spectrum was Laura Carlson (9), a C-team starter who played volleyball for the first time this season. Carlson stated, "The leadership and example shown to me from the upperclassmen was great. I not only learned volleyball skills, but also how to be a leader."

Leadership from the upperclassmen is what brought the individual players into one successful team. They couldn't have done it without each other.

- Alexis Hower (12)



6. Lunging to dig the ball, Alexis Hower (12) makes a pass to the setter, Carsyn Ostrand (9). Hower stepped into a new role this season, transitioning from setter to libero. "Switching from setter to libero was difficult, but I knew that was the best position for me this year. I just wanted to help my team out any way I could," Hower said.

1. The JV squad regroups in the middle of the court after a long rally. The team was composed of many freshmen, including Alison Winsterman (9), Olivia Prettyman (9), Emma Kaczor (9), Alyssa Gustafson (9), Jada McHargue (9), Kate Pipher (9), and Adrienne Falk (9), along with junior leaders Marilla Flynn (11), Hailee Broman (11), and Desiree Lutes (11). Although a young team, the JV girls competed well, and the season was a great time of learning.



5. The varsity volleyball team breaks from a time out during their very first game of the season against Palmer. The team went on to have a successful season claiming both the Goldenrod Conference regular season and tournament championships.

score box

W	Palmer	2-0
W	Heartland Lutheran	2-0
W	Nebraska Lutheran	3-0
W	High Plains Community	3-0
W	Burwell	2-0
W	Central Valley	2-0
W	Holdredge	2-0
L	Adams Central	1-2
W	Lexington	2-0
W	Riverside	2-0
L	Elgin Public/Pope John	1-2
W	St. Edward	2-0
W	Deshler	2-0
L	Hampton	0-2
L	Centura	1-3
W	Humphrey St. Francis	2-1
W	Heartland Lutheran	2-0
W	Spalding Academy	2-0
W	Fullerton	2-1
W	St. Edward	2-0
W	Osceola	2-0
W	Palmer	3-0
W	Fullerton	3-0
W	Humphrey St. Francis	3-0
W	Arcadia-Loup City	3-0
W	Broken Bow	3-0
W	Hershey	3-0
L	Hastings St. Cecilia	0-3

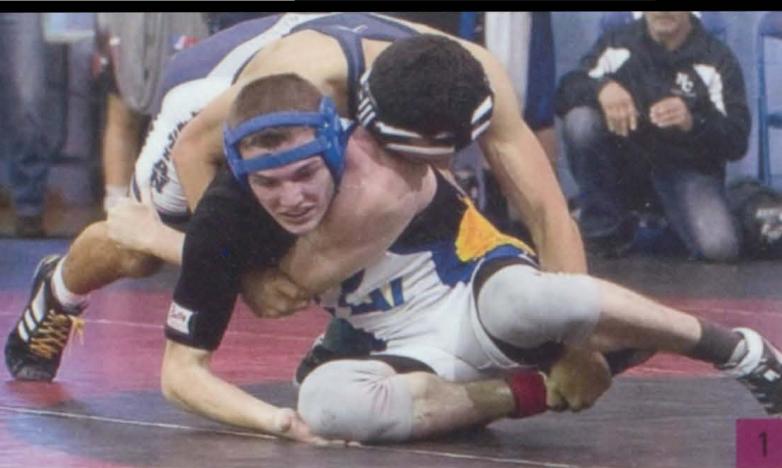


7. Claire Ostrand (10) pulls the volleyball back in bounds to keep the rally alive during the Fullerton triangular. Ostrand's ability to perform in both the front and back row was a great advantage to the Eagles throughout the season.

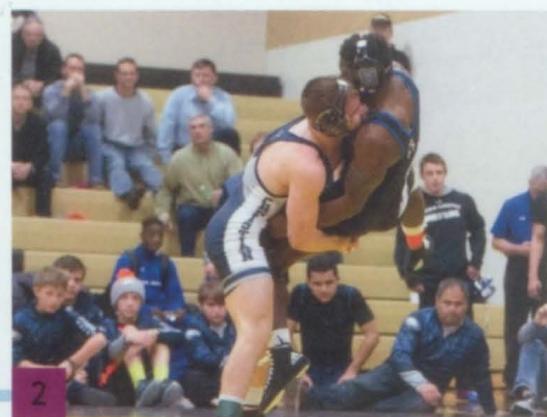


8. Swinging for the ball, Cassidy Ostrand (12) reaches new heights against Adams Central while her teammates, (from left) Claire Ostrand (10), Reagan Williams (11), Alexis Hower (12), Carsyn Ostrand (9), and Whitney Heuermann (12), wait in anticipation for the big kill. The girls lost the battle against Adams Central, but the defeat made them more determined than ever to push each other and pursue their goals together.

2. Corryn Falk (10) and Claire Ostrand (10) penetrate the net to block Lexington's middle hitter. Falk transferred from Pleasanton to Nebraska Christian and jumped right into the volleyball program. She stated, "It was really easy to jump in and join the volleyball team this year. I was surprised at how close the whole team was to each other. The team was like a family, and each member pushed their teammates to succeed."



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3. Fighting to control his challenger, Luke Swanson (10), muscles him to the mat. Swanson, who suffered an unfortunate foot injury during practice, missed most of the season but was able to wrestle again by the end of the season.

4. During his 132-pound match at the state tournament, Juan Lasso (11) fights to get his opponent flat on the mat. Lasso, who didn't medal at state, was still thankful that the Lord blessed him with his first win at state.

FIGHT together

creating warriors for God

The wrestling team is a brotherhood that most people do not understand. It consists of young men brought together by a common goal--to get to state and medal--and who have been through many ups and downs throughout the season.

There were two serious injuries during the season. **Luke Swanson** (10) injured his foot in practice and had to be on crutches for about two weeks. Swanson was unable to wrestle until districts. **Jaydon Elge** (11), who would have been the returning state champion, wasn't able to compete at the state tournament because of an injury to his spinal cord.

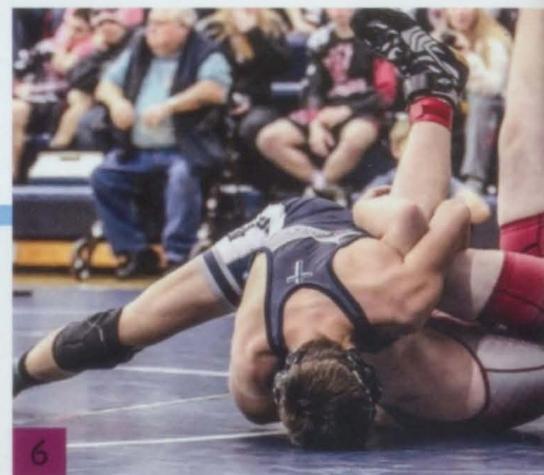
Even throughout the difficult time that he went through, Elge said, "My family and teammates encouragement and prayers are what helped me and continue

to help me get through this difficult time in my life."

Even with all the injuries that the team suffered, they still encouraged each other to fight harder and wrestle for the glory of God. **Juan Lasso** (11) said, "The team prayed for recovery and encouraged our injured teammates to push on in the time of trial."

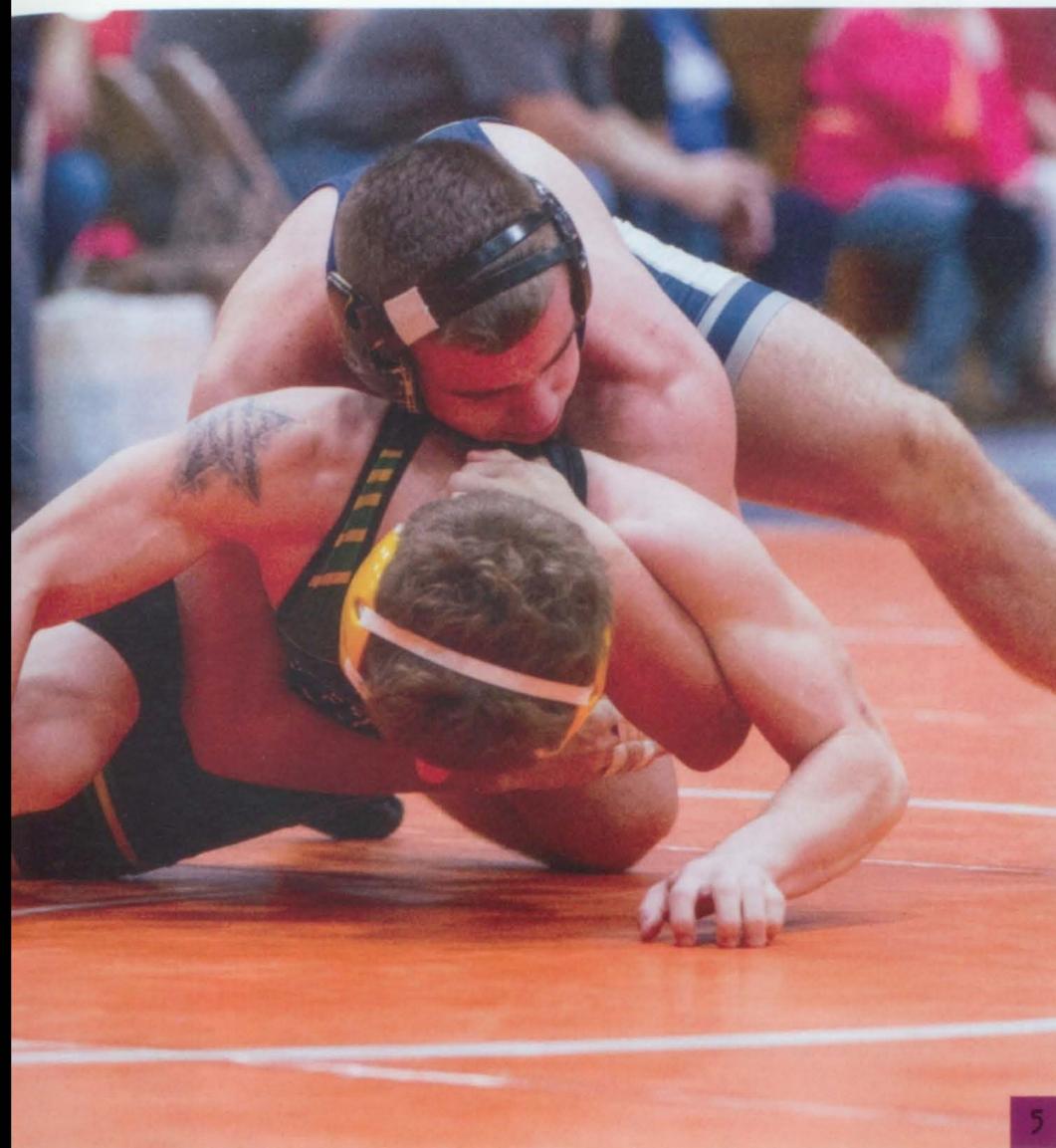
Though Lasso was the only one to make it to state, the team fully supported him and prayed for his safety at the state tournament. Even though he didn't place at state, Lasso still gave glory to God for letting him wrestle. The wrestling team fought hard throughout the season and bonded through the trials and victories.

- Jeremiah Ebel (11)



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6. During his match against a Fullerton wrestler, Andrew Feely (10) utilizes his strength to put his opponent's shoulders to the mat. Feely, who improved tremendously during the season, worked hard throughout the year to medal at the district meet.



1. Juan Lasso (11), wrestling at the Newman Grove meet, fights to keep his opponent in a difficult position and tries to pin him. Lasso wrestled for his teammates and his school, but most importantly, he wrestled for the glory of God.

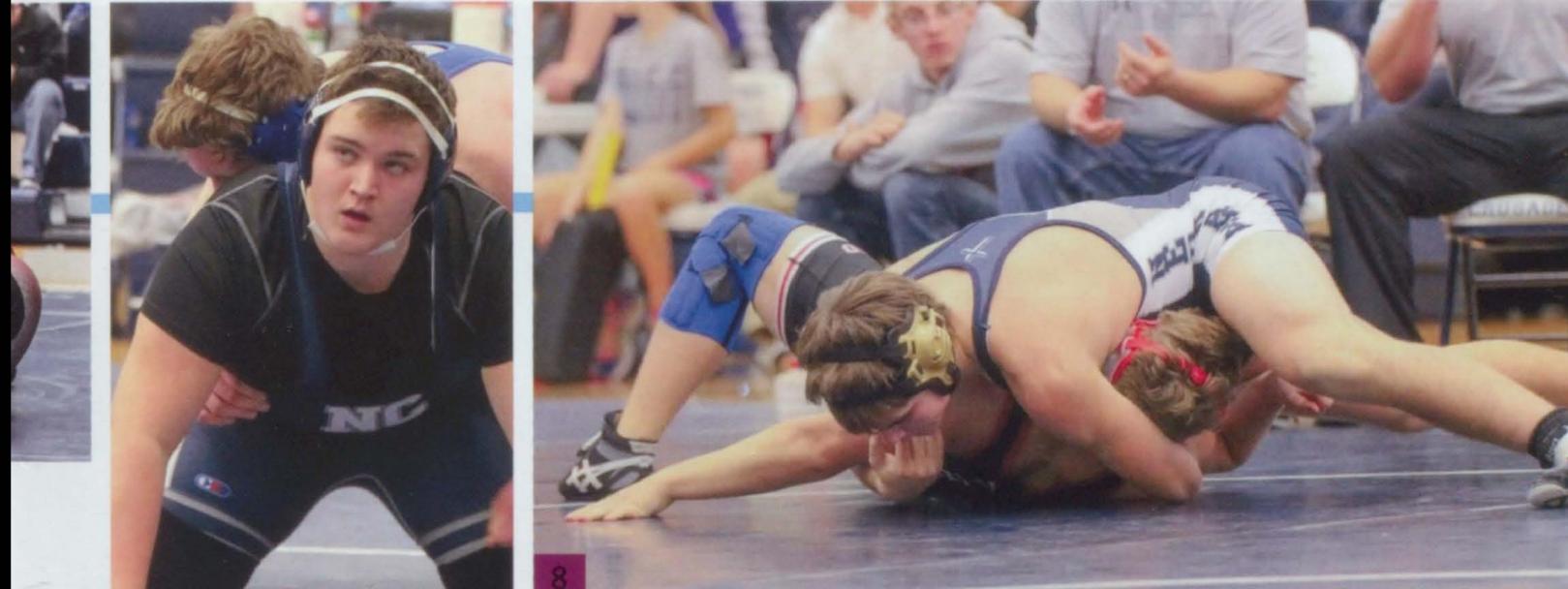
2. In his 138-pound match at Aquinas High school, Jaydon Elge (11) lifts his opponent into the air and slams him back to the ground. Later in the season, Elge suffered an injury called neurapraxia, which neutralizes the nerves in the spinal cord. Thanks to God's grace, however, he was able to walk again two weeks after the injury.

5. Jaydon Elge (11) tightens his grip on his opposition and tries to turn him on his back. Prior to Elge's season-ending injury, he was ranked number one in his weight class and in Class D wrestling.

score box

Harvard
Osceola
Newman Grove
Elgin/Pope John
Cross County
Neligh-Oakdale
Cedar Valley
Boone Central
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Districts
State (Omaha)

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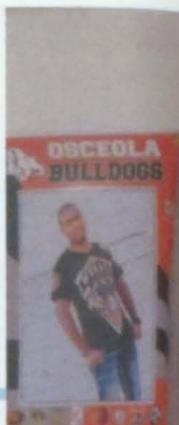
7. Tommy Flynn (11) waits in anticipation for the whistle to blow for him to move. Flynn, who didn't start wrestling until the middle of the season, improved greatly and placed fifth at districts.

8. During his 160-pound wrestling match at Grand Island Central Catholic, Jeb South (10) wrestles his opponent into a tight position and pins him. South, who came to Nebraska Christian in the second semester, said, "It was fun getting to know the coaches and the other wrestlers and seeing how they compete for God's glory and not man's."



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3. Ben Griess (10) dribbles around his opponent to make a good pass. Griess worked hard throughout the season and proved himself to be an upcoming leader.

4. Dillon Rose (12) dives for a loose ball during the game against High Plains. The High Plains team was ranked number one this year in Class D1. Not deterred by the title, however, the NC boys put together a phenomenal game and pulled off the upset.



LEARN together

becoming a cohesive team

As they glided through the season, the boys' basketball team had to make many decisions.

They learned excellent teamwork and played with extra effort. Nolan Kohmetscher (12) said, "To me, just seeing the guys put in the extra effort was inspiring because it's all for a purpose, which is going all in and to go all out for Christ."

One example of going "all out" came when the team had to face High Plains, the 2015 Class D1 champion. High Plains was undefeated going into the NC game, but NC was able to prevail 49-45.

Throughout the season, the seniors had to step up and take the lead. They showed outstanding leadership and inspired the JV players to keep playing by helping them with their skills and encouraging

them during every practice and every game.

Coach Mark Leonard said, "This year's basketball season was a fun and memorable one for our team. As a basketball program, we had a very successful season and continued to improve greatly in our overall fundamentals. Our boys developed great chemistry together, and our senior leadership was exceptional. It was a great group of individuals to coach and watch form into a cohesive team throughout the season."

The leadership shown in this year's team was outstanding, and it sets the stage for next year.

-Cole Ruybalid (11)





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1. **Zac Dockweiler (12)** and **Dillon Rose (12)** play tough defense against Osceola. Good defense was the key to winning many of the games this year.

2. **Working hard on defense, Andrew Winsterman (11)** keeps his arms up to prevent the opposing team from making easy passes. Winsterman, being the only junior boy out for basketball this year, continued to learn from the seniors on the team and started to develop his own leadership skills.

5. **Logan Faeh (12)** boxes out his defender and jumps for the rebound as **Nolan Kohmetscher (12)** rushes forward to receive the outlet pass. Faeh fought numerous injuries throughout the season, but continued to play his hardest in every game.

score box

W	St. Edward	62-37
L	Centennial	47-57
W	Heartland Lutheran	52-45
W	High Plains	49-45
L	Humphrey/Holy Family	47-60
L	St. Francis	40-62
L	Osceola	46-55
W	Clarkson/Leigh	63-59
W	Fullerton	50-40
W	Central Valley	38-27
W	Osceola	52-47
W	Spalding Academy	43-41
L	Burwell	31-34
L	Heartland	64-67
W	Harvard	51-49
L	Riverside	32-64
L	Burwell	47-65
W	Nebraska Lutheran	63-50
W	Palmer	53-33
W	Elba	79-24
L	Centura	40-41



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7. **Zac Dockweiler (12)** performs a lay up during the game. Dockweiler was known for many of the lay ups he has performed throughout high school.



8. The NC boys basketball team gathers in the center of the court before the game. The seniors in the huddle gave some last minute encouragement and instruction to their teammates to keep everybody on the same page.

6. **Nolan Kohmetscher (12)** scans the floor for an open teammate while fending off his opponent. Although Kohmetscher sustained a knee injury during the 2014-2015 season, he came back strong and was vital to the team's success.



3. Tara Murphy (12) lays the ball off the glass for a basket during the Goldenrod Conference consolation game against Riverside. Murphy worked fiercely to come back after sustaining a severe knee injury during the 2014-2015 basketball season. "Basketball is by far my favorite sport," she said. "I wasn't about to miss out on my final year playing with this incredible team."

4. Coach Gordon Thiessen lays out the plan for defense and offense during a quick timeout. Thiessen was aided this season by assistant coaches Erin Mankin and Nathan Musgrave.

TRIUMPH together

lady eagles soar through season

The 2015-2016 season started off on a strong note for the Lady Eagles, who cruised through their first eight games undefeated. Led by an excellent coaching staff and seasoned upperclassmen, the team experienced growth in both numbers, skill, and unity.

More than twenty girls joined the team this year, including some beginners who wanted to try out the sport for the first time. One such team member, Bella Yin (9) said, *"This was my first time playing basketball. I like the feeling of being a part of a team and getting to practice and play together."*

Practice proved somewhat a struggle, as the gym was shared by the boys' and girls' teams, giving each only half of the court. With such a large team, sharing the court was not ideal, yet the Lady Eagles still managed to develop their skills over

the course of the winter season. Many individual players set personal records, and the team strove as a whole to achieve the goals set by their coaches.

By the last game, the team had grown together in a way that can only come from experiencing both success and defeat throughout the season. *"The Lord graciously blessed the team with unity. We came together as a single unit, as a great team,"* reflected Alyssa Prettyman (11). Through the season's ups and downs, the team cultivated a field of unity, creating many great memories both on and off the court.

From beginning to end, the team was encouraged by their coaches, led by the upperclassmen, and blessed by the One who ultimately gives them the ability to play.

- Tara Murphy (12)





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1. Putting the ball on the court, Olivia Prettyman (9) leaves her defender in the dust as she rushes for the basket during a Junior Varsity game. The JV team experienced some major growth through the season, ending on a winning note.

2. Whitney Heuermann (12) plows into the opposing post player, sights firmly set on the basket. As a senior leader, Heuermann truly stepped up her game, acting as both a solid post presence and good example to the younger players.

5. Whitney Heuermann (12), Claire Ostrand (10), Cassidy Ostrand (12), and Tara Murphy (12) form a solid defensive barrier, making the Riverside Chargers work to get open. The combined factors of height and quickness made the Eagles' defense a serious threat to opposing teams.

score box

W	St. Edward	58-19
W	Centennial	33-22
W	Heartland Lutheran	54-36
W	High Plains	47-16
W	Humphrey/Holy Family	45-40
W	St. Francis	50-46
W	Osceola	46-33
W	Clarkson/Leigh	42-18
L	Fullerton	33-44
W	Central Valley	46-30
W	Osceola	43-38
L	Spalding Academy	40-41
W	Burwell	53-45
L	St. Francis	34-39
W	Riverside	45-30
L	Heartland	40-47
W	Harvard	66-24
W	Riverside	51-32
W	Burwell	61-60
W	Nebraska Lutheran	55-29
W	Elba	57-29
W	Palmer	63-25
L	Centura	40-46



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7. Corryn Falk (10) goes up for a reverse lay-up as her teammates fight for position to get the offensive rebound. Though she experienced some setbacks due to both a shoulder and ankle injury, Falk still finished the season on a strong note and served as a valuable addition to the team.



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8. Using her arm as a shield, Claire Ostrand (10) breezes past her opponent during a match against the Centennial Broncos. Ostrand flourished in her position as a point guard this year, utilizing her quick feet, competent ball-handling skills, and comprehensive knowledge of the game.

6. Adrienne Falk (9) elbows her way to the basket to pull down the rebound. Like all the freshmen on the team, Falk had to adjust to the higher level of intensity and competition involved with high school sports. *"Moving up and transitioning from junior high to high school basketball was a lot different. The games were much more intense and competitive, but they were also a lot more fun to play in,"* she said.



3. Jeremiah Ebel (11) and Tom Kang (11) prepare to run in the 100 meter prelims at the Palmer Invitational. Although competing against one other, Ebel and Kang constantly pushed each other and encouraged each other to improve their times each meet. At districts, Ebel qualified for state in the 100 meter dash.

4. Brennan Nokelby (10) and Nolan Kohmetscher (12) race to the finish line during the 1600 meter run. Both runners had great success this season. At the Central Nebraska Track and Field Championships, Kohmetscher won the 1600 meter run and the 800 meter dash and was part of the winning 1600 meter relay team. He was named the CNTC's boys outstanding athlete. At state, Nokelby placed sixth in the 3200 meter run, fifth in the 1600 meter run, and ran for the injured Logan Faeh (12) in the 1600 meter relay. Kohmetscher placed fourth in the 800 meter dash, first in the 3200 and 1600 meter runs, and ran in the 1600 meter relay.

ENDURE together

striving for success

If there is one sport Nebraska Christian as a whole, individual members truly excelled at this season, it was definitely outdid themselves both on the track, in track. As a team, the Eagles swept the the throwing rings, and on the field. regular season track meets, winning almost every meet on their roster. In addition, both girls and boys were named Goldenrod Conference Champions as well as District Champions. The success of the entire team was dependent on the individual initiative of each team member to do their best in whatever event they were entered in. Both upperclassmen and underclassmen alike stepped up to the challenge, striving to do their best and potentially place, thereby garnering more points for the team as a whole. It was this determination which spurred the team to victory.

Just as the team experienced success

Every week saw new, achieved personal bests. Multiple school and meet records were broken as athletes reached for their goals. Fifteen individuals went on to qualify and compete in the state meet, where two athletes (Nolan Kohmetscher [12] and Tara Murphy [12]) acquired gold medals in their events.

Truly, the Eagles track team experienced extraordinary success this season, both overall and individually. However, throughout their triumph, the team was quick to give glory back to God, who gave them the strength and ability to perform and compete.

-Tara Murphy (12)



6. Logan Faeh (12) skillfully bounds over the hurdles in the 110 meter hurdle race. Faeh qualified for state in the 110 meter hurdles, the 300 meter hurdles, and the 4x400 meter relay. Unfortunately, during the 110 meter finals, Faeh pulled his hamstring and was unable to participate in the rest of his events. Although unable to run, Faeh remained positive and cheered on his teammates from the sideline.



1. Cassidy Ostrand (12) clears the high jump bar with ease. Ostrand also participated in the girls 4x400 relay team with Olivia Prettyman (9), Rachel Epp (11), and Tara Murphy (12). They broke the school record and also qualified for state.

2. Tara Murphy (12) flies down the track in the 100 meter hurdles. Murphy came back from a severe knee injury sustained in the 2014-2015 school year and had an extremely successful season. She was the Class C state champion in the 100 meter hurdles and placed eighth in the 300 meter hurdles.

5. Hurling the disc into the air, Dillon Rose (12) competes at the Merrick County Invitational. Rose continued to improve in both shot put and discus throughout the season. He was an automatic state qualifier in discus, and then threw 153' 5" for a fifth place finish at the state meet.

Meets

Concordia
Merrick Co. Invite
Kearney
Wood River
Osceola
Fullerton
Humphrey S. Francis
Cross County
Cross County
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8. Katie Cumpston (12), Alyssa Prettyman (12), and Halle Strong (9) lead the pack during the 1600 meter run. The distance girls formed a strong bond during the season as they trained and competed together. Cumpston competed in the 3200 meter and 1600 meter run at state, placing fourth and third. Prettyman ran in the 4x800 meter relay at state along with Cassidy Ostrand (12), Olivia Prettyman (9), and Rachel Epp (11).

7. Pushing towards the finish line, Katie Entz (11) runs the 100 meter dash with determination. Entz triple jumped, long jumped, and ran sprints throughout the season. She placed third in triple jump at districts, just one place away from qualifying for state. Although she didn't qualify, Entz kept her chin up and is excited to see what next year will bring.



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3. During the Goldenrod Conference meet, the junior high cross country team begins the race with determination and speed. Garrett Nokelby (8) said, "The start and finish of the race were totally different. At the beginning you feel good, but by the end you just want to die."

4. Jayden Leonard (8), Kendyl Jividen (8), Grace Langemeier (8), and Jamie Myers (8) play good defense as they keep High Plains from shooting a basket. The encouragement from each teammate helped keep each player on her feet, ready to play for the glory of God.

EXPERIENCE together

giving God the glory

The junior high years are some of the most awkward, yet spirited, years of life. During these years, many experiences and opportunities present themselves, and sports are one of them. Working together isn't always easy, but the NC junior high students showed a great deal of unity and encouragement towards each other as they competed in sports.

With a Christian background, NC sports stand out in many different ways. Alyssa Broman (7) said, "At a Christian school, sports are much different. Coaches have more compassion, and as a team we work together with ease. No one makes fun of your mistakes, and our purpose as a team is to bring God glory."

Although there are times when it is

tempting to get discouraged, the teams remember that it's important to not lose unity. McKenna Leonard (7) stated, "The teams do a great job of keeping unity because we don't care how good you are; we stick together no matter what."

NC's junior high athletic program offers the same sports as are offered in high school; therefore, the students have no trouble finding the right sport for them. A few of the teams received coaching from the high school coaches, preparing them for what is to come in their high school careers.

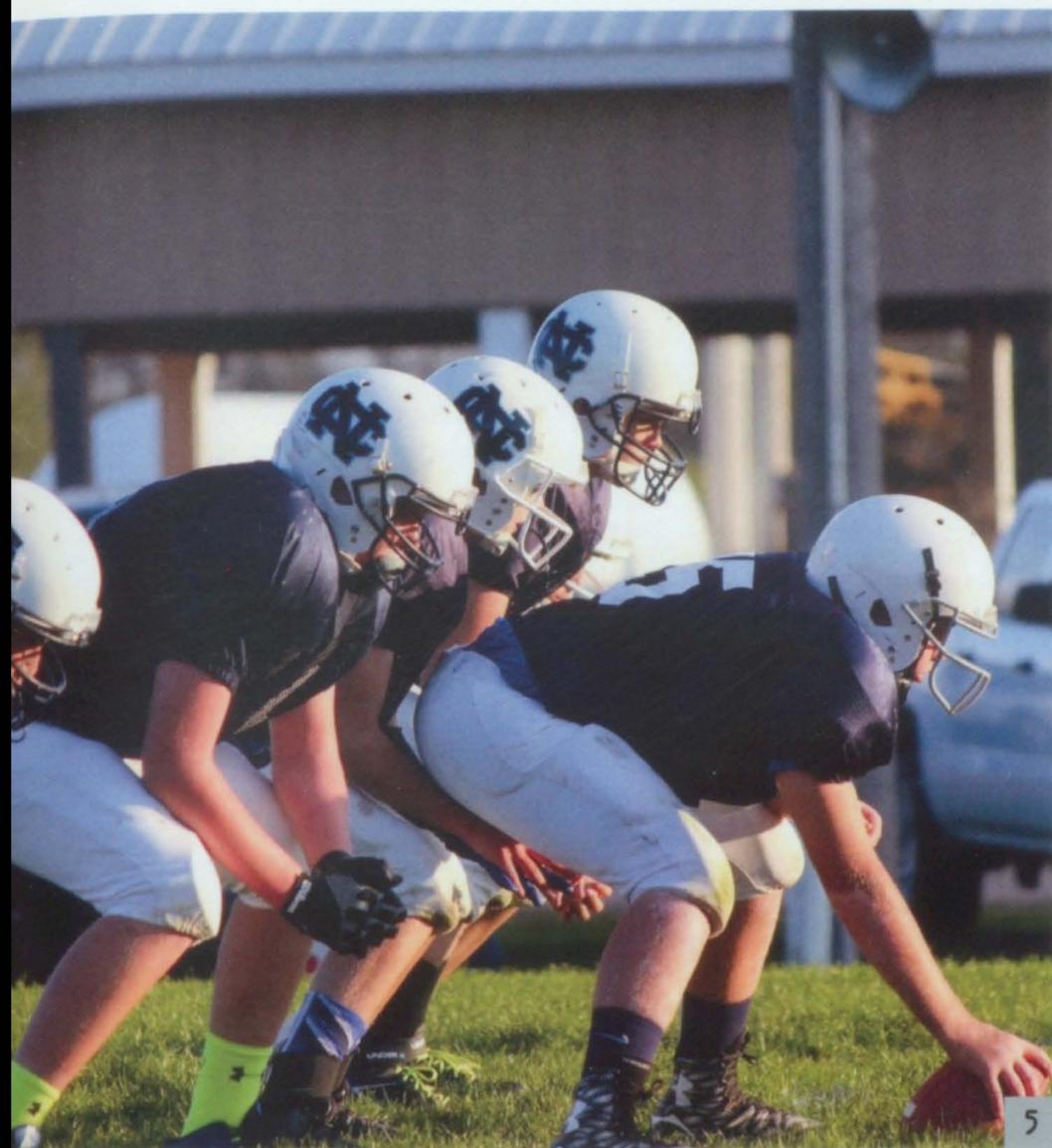
The students are united by their common goal to perform their best for God's glory.

- Janie Mousel (11)



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6. Nathan Mousel (8) calculates his first move against his opponent during one of his matches. "The only thing going through my head at that moment was to grab his legs," Mousel said.



1. The NC junior high football team takes off during one of their plays against Riverside. The boys charged into the season with the goal to glorify God and ended the season successfully with God in first place.

2. Stephanie Strobel (8) passes the volleyball to the setter as the rest of the team watches in suspense. The players on the sideline never failed to cheer for the girls on the court and to keep high spirits even in difficult situations.

5. Waiting in anticipation, the junior high football team prepares for their next play. As both the high school and junior high coach, Coach Carl Ostrand prepared the boys for their future high school football careers.

sports

Volleyball
Girls Basketball
Boys Basketball
Wrestling
Track
Football
Cross Country



7. Kendyl Jividen (8) reaches for the stars as she takes a risky jump shot against Spalding. The junior high girls supported each other through wins and losses. Jividen said, "The best part of basketball is knowing that your team mates will always be there for you."



8. Seth Hower (8) prepares to cast his shot put across the field. The number of athletes that participated in this event was limited, for it required so much strength to launch the shot put.



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1. The players keep their eyes on the ball, ready to take action. Although the team only won one game, the players worked hard and put their best effort into competing.

3. The team huddles up just before returning to the field to compete. The team worked on keeping good sportsmanship throughout the year. The 2014-2015 team received the 2015 Sportsman of the Year Award from the Grand Island Indoor Soccer League, and the 2015-2016 team was determined to keep their good reputation.

2. Ben Janssen (9) practices dribbling the ball before the game. The soccer team worked on things such as dribbling, shooting and passing during practices.

4. Phillip Nguyen (12) dribbles the ball toward the goal. This was Nguyen's second year of participating in soccer at Nebraska Christian.

GROW together

a new venture

Added three years ago, boys' soccer sportsmanship, and a good work ethic, serves as the newest addition to Nebraska Christian athletics. The team competes in a soccer league in Grand Island. The team brought the team closer "It is such a great honor to play soccer together, to give up any personal desire and aim up to a goal." Composed of fourteen players and Mr. Clay Mankin as coach, the Nebraska Christian soccer team was by no means "importantly as a family. United, we are small!" under the same title: Nebraska Christian," said Martin Nguyen (12).

Both international and American students made up the team, providing a great opportunity for building friendships. Ben Janssen (9) said, "I really liked getting to know a lot of the international students during soccer." The soccer team members worked hard this season to do their best. Though the favorable, the team was successful in their own way. They came together

Soccer is not an easy sport. Players must learn things such as perseverance, playing hard and having fun.

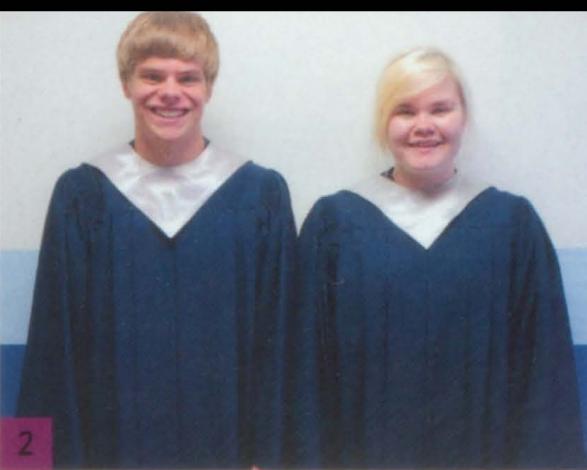
-Halle Strong (9)

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L	GINW2
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L	Heartland HFC
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1. Quiz Bowl. Front to back, from left. Row 1: Katie Cumpston (12), Noah Dexter (12), Ben Janssen (9), Row 2: Whitney Heuermann (12), Trevor Swanson (12), Trevor Cumpston (9), Brennan Nokelby (10), Kate Pipher (9). Row 3: Danae Burdett (10), Marilla Flynn (11), Andrew Feely (10), Micah Smith (10). After placing second at district quiz bowl, the quiz bowl team competed in the state meet at Holdrege. The team went 2-2 at the meet.



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2. All-State Music. Left to right: Matt Myers (12), Marilla Flynn. This was the second All-State selection for both Myers and Flynn.

3. National Merit Finalist Katie Cumpston (12).

6. Wrestling. Juan Lasso (11), flanked by coaches Chris Schweitzer and Terry Elge. Although Lasso didn't place, he did win his first state match in his second appearance at the tournament.

5. Speech. Front to back, from left. Row 1: Grace Wu (11), Trang Doan (11), Isabella Yang (12), Sydney Fuehrer (9). Row 2: Cole Ruybalid (11), Alex Hao (11), Makenna Loy (12), Wendy Bornmann (11), Danae Burdett. Burdett placed 2nd in persuasive at state.

4. Track. Front to back, from left. Row 1: Cassidy Ostrand (12), Olivia Prettyman (9), Alyssa Prettyman (11), Katie Cumpston (12), Rachel Epp (11), Tara Murphy (12). Row 2: Jeremiah Ebel (11). Row 3: Nolan Kohmetscher (12), Cameron Langemeier (12), Logan Faeh (12), Andrew Winsterman (11), Dillon Rose (12), Brennan Nokelby (10), Whitney Heuermann (12). At the state meet, Kohmetscher won the 3200 meter run and 1600 meter run and placed 4th in the 800 meter run. Murphy won the 100 hurdles and placed 8th in the 300 hurdles. Cumpston placed 3rd in the 1600 meter run and 4th in the 3200 meter run. Rose placed 5th in discus. Nokelby placed 5th in the 1600 meter run and 6th in the 3200 meter run.

7. Cross Country. Brennan Nokelby (10), Nolan Kohmetscher (12), Katie Cumpston (12) and Alyssa Prettyman (11). At state, Nokelby placed 6th, Kohmetscher placed 3rd, and Cumpston placed 5th.

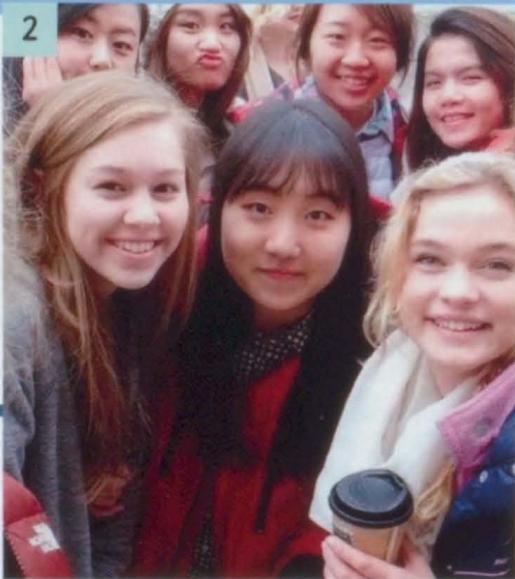
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1 Katie Cumpston (12), Cassidy Ostrand (12), Tara Murphy (12) and Alexis Hower (12) lip sync to "Mele Kalikimaka" at the 1st Annual Christmas Lip Sync. The girls, along with Whitney Heuermann (12) put a lot of effort into their presentation.

2 A group of girls pose for a picture while on the junior trip. Janie Mousel (11) said, "I thought it was fun to walk the streets of Minneapolis and really just get to know my class better by forming deeper relationships with them."

3 Seniors, including Noah Dexter (12) and Cassidy Ostrand (12), serve the hungry crowd in attendance at the annual football scrimmage and carnival. Ostrand said, "I personally enjoyed serving food to others; it was fun to interact with the many people who are associated with the school. The atmosphere was energized with kids running every which way as adults caught up with each other on the past summer's news."

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4. Andrew Winsterman (11) tries to guess Elijah Green's (7) "identity," while Trevor Cumpston (9) looks on. The game, run by Miss Rachel Hicks, was one of many games organized by the student council for the second half of Spiritual Emphasis Day.

5. Carsyn Ostrand (9), Jada McHargue (9), Alyssa Gustafson (9), and Laura Carlson (9) intently labor over a three-dimensional, glitter coated snowflake to hang above the door to Room 107, where Freshman Bible was held. Every class put a considerable amount of effort and imagination into the Christmas-themed doors, but the freshmen were named winners of the competition.

6. Cream Masatit (10), Marilla Flynn (11), McKenna Leonard (7), and Danae Burdett (10) relax on a swing at Covenant Cedars on Spiritual Emphasis day. Masatit said, "In e-groups we shared about what the speaker talked about. I had a lot of fun playing games with people, and I got to drink pop at lunch [at Spiritual Emphasis Day]! I have learned many things about Christ through my e-group."

Parts Becoming a Whole

Every week, 201 students came together to attend school at Nebraska Christian, a small school in the middle of Nebraska. Everyone possessed a different personality, contrasting ideas, and diverse strengths and weaknesses. It can be difficult for that many people to be in the same place working on projects and planning events without personalities clashing or fights breaking out, but with the help of understanding attitudes and forgiving hearts, they managed to pull it off every day. **Alex Hao (11)** said, "I have had some disagreements with a few people at school, but I am actually pretty forgiving and try my best to get along with other people. However, Americans are easily fulfilled. If you want them to forgive you, just offer them

gum."

Small-scale challenges can easily be used to prepare students for living in the real world where hardly anyone sees eye to eye. **Alexis Hower (12)** said, "Picking a class flower was difficult because we have lots of opinionated people, but we were finally able to put aside our differences and chose a class flower that appealed to everyone." This year, students used their diversities to become like a unified team, working together towards a common goal.

While attending a Christian school, students receive the unique opportunity to grow and mature in their faith in an environment that is safe and encouraging. Fellowship with other Christian students is an

everyday occurrence and teachers regularly pray. "My past two years at NC have truly been fun. I have seen the Biblical influence of my teachers at work in my life. I enjoy the time the teachers take at the beginning of class to prepare our minds and hearts to learn. I have also grown with the help of my teachers, challenging me to mature in my spiritual life and relationship with God," said Anna Musgrave (10).

Just as students come together in the body of Christ, they connect through Nebraska Christian to form the 2015-2016 student body. It was made up of a varied group of people who weren't perfect, but always worked together to create a school that's purpose is to glorify God in the end.

-Laura Carlson (9)



Clockwise from top left: Jake Twogood (9), Jon Dockweiler (9), and Sydney Fuehrer (9) demonstrate their Rube Goldbergs.

Rube Goldberg

The incoming freshmen have come to expect the big Rube Goldberg project every year in Mrs. Dee Flynn's Physical Science class. For the project, each student picks a simple task, such as popping a balloon or pouring milk into a cup, then they use a series of simple machines to complete the task. This year's class put a lot of time and energy into making their Rube Goldbergs the best they could. *"The Rube Goldberg project proved to be very stressful! Everyone put a visible amount of effort into their task, and the day to present was very entertaining,"* Laura Carlson (9) said.

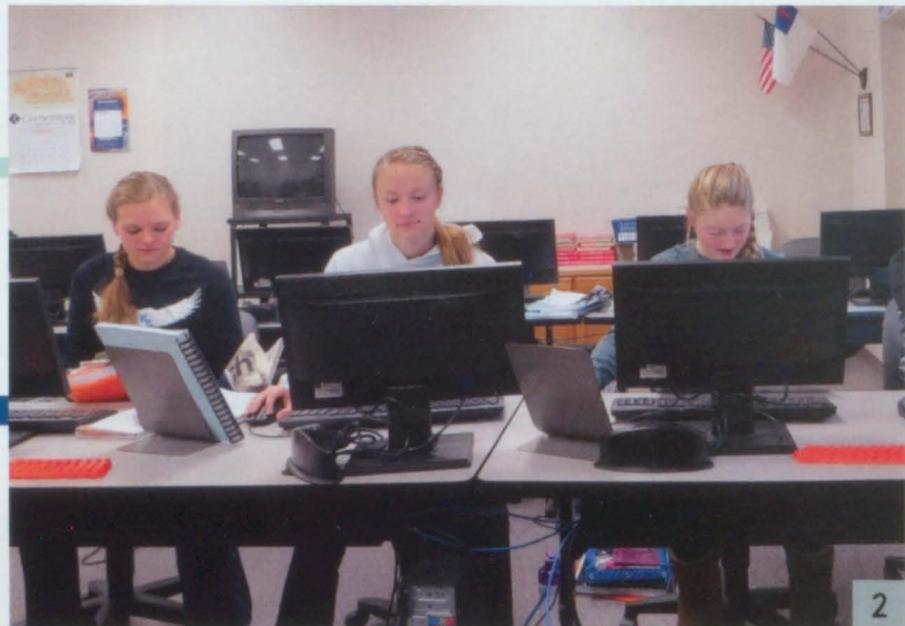
- Halle Strong (9)

1. Alyssa Gustafson (9) and Susan Hofmann (12) work on a sewing project for Family and Consumer Science class. FCS students learned a variety of skills, such as sewing and cooking, in Mrs. Janice Stuhmer's class.

2. Skylar Swantek (9), Carsyn Ostrand (9), and Jada McHargue (9) work on typing their career reports for careers class. During the quarter-long class taught by Mr. Mark Leonard, the freshman students explored a variety of career options and even attended a career fair.



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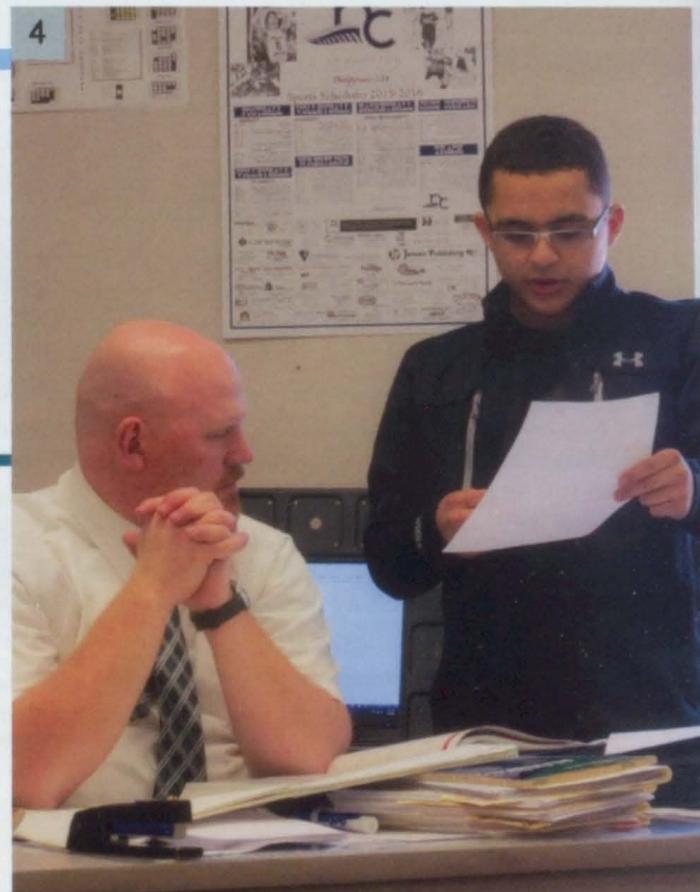
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3. Jack Pang (8) answers a Bible question posed by Mr. Gib Killion during Introduction to Bible. Students take a Bible class each year they attend NC, and most international students take Killion's class in their first year at NC.

4. Juan Lasso (11) asks Mr. Andy Falk a question about a quiz during Algebra II. Falk taught most high school math classes, Bible II, and drivers' education.



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achieving **SUCCESS**

a step ahead of the rest

Sometimes students get so caught up in sports and extracurricular activities that they lose sight of the main purpose school: academics. Although NC only has a four day school week, most students would claim that academics at Nebraska Christian are harder than in other high schools. *"I think it is cool that NC has a harder curriculum because it will better prepare us for college,"* said Alyssa Gustafson (9).

Each student's schedule is carefully constructed to fit into his or her individual needs. Along with core classes such as math and science, students are offered a wide variety of electives like drama, media, and industrial technology classes. Brayden Gustafson (10) said, *"Some of my classes are hard, but they keep me on my toes and keep me working hard."*

NC students also get the

advantage of a Christian education, preparing them to enter life after high school with a biblical worldview. This is accomplished through Christian-based curriculum and the fact that students are required to take a Bible class each year they attend NC. Students also attend chapel once per week and participate in e-groups, which are small groups that meet to discuss each chapel message. Matthew Myers (12) said, *"NC has impacted my life and my walk with the Lord. It has helped shape me into a better ambassador for Christ. Our Bible class, along with other academics, has helped equip me for college and for the rest of my life."*

NC students, with the encouragement of their teachers, work diligently on their academics in order to achieve a successful future.

- Halle Strong (9)

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5. Carson Falk (12) works on his project during laser engraving. The laser engraving class created items that were sold on the NC online store.

6. Toby Zaruba (7) and Grant Stuhmer (7) examine their bug collections in seventh grade science class. Mrs. Tara Mundt, who taught the junior high science classes, had the students do many hands-on projects.

7. Katie Cumpston (12), Alexis Hower (12), and Cassidy Ostrand (12) give their presentations on the skull for Anatomy and Physiology class. The high school students were blessed to be taught the wonders of God's creation through a Christian worldview by Mrs. Dee Flynn.

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New Girls' Dorm!

Everybody was very excited about the new girls' dorm, named Elliot Hall after Elisabeth Elliot, especially the dorm girls. They had been waiting for it for a long time, and they finally moved in before Thanksgiving. Though it was really hard work to clean the old dorm and move everything into the new dorm, the dorm girls were satisfied because the new dorm was incredibly clean and had many new things: a larger living room, a bigger kitchen with ovens, and faster wi-fi. All the girls were thankful for the wonderful new dorm. *"Thanks to all the staff members, donors, and their contribution so that we can have an awesome home,"* said Anna Li (11).

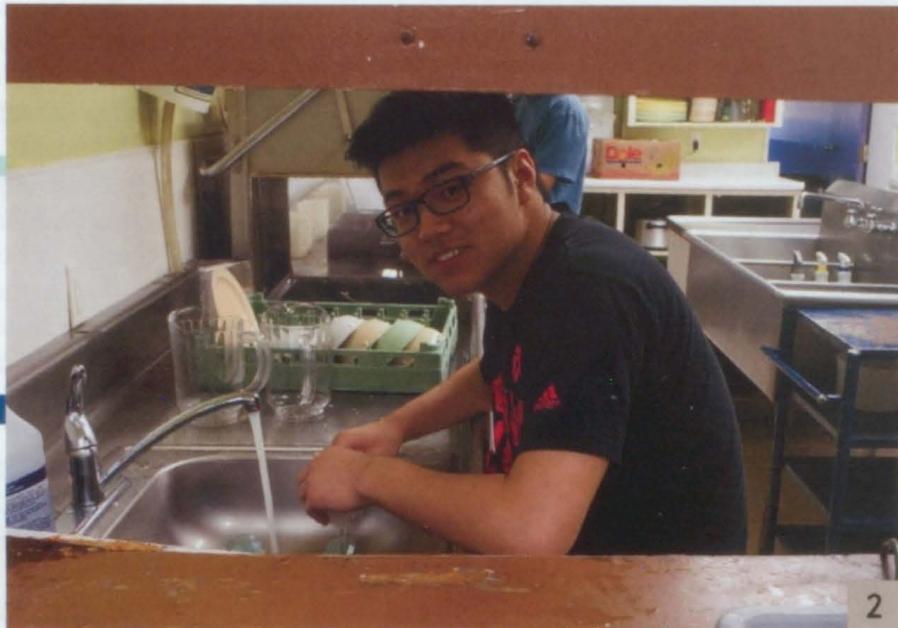
- Grace Wu (11)

1. Corina Ge (11), Grace Wu (11), and Gladys Choi (11) walk to the cafeteria on a rainy day. Since the girls didn't have their own umbrella and there were only a few in the dorm, they decided to walk together with the huge umbrella.

2. Richard Zhao (10) does the dishes after supper. The dorm boys and girls took turns doing dishes, learning to serve others and taking their responsibility for being a part of the big family at NC.



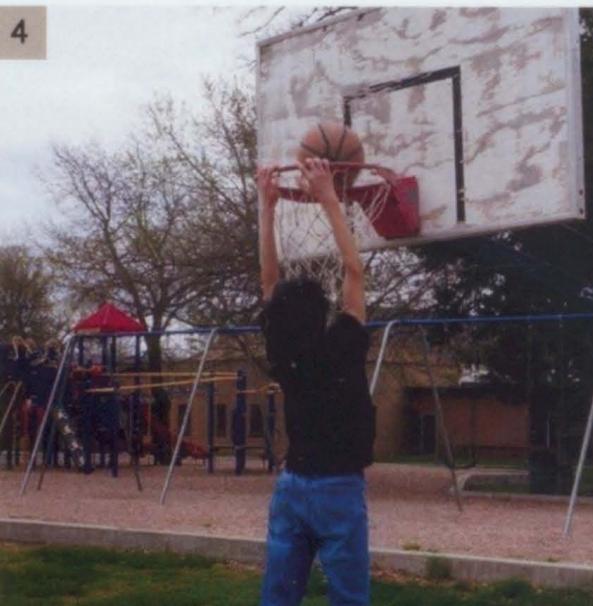
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3. At the beginning of the school year, the international students gather together playing with water balloons on the weekend. The students enjoyed getting to know their dorm mates through the many activities the dorm parents planned.

4. Kevin Yu (9) plays basketball with friends after school at the playground next to the boys' dorm. This was his first time trying to dunk, and he finally succeeded after a couple shots. Yu said, *"I want to be like Kobe!"*

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CULTURES

thousands of miles from home

Having the desire to study abroad and experience different cultures is what makes the international students a special group at NC. This year, Nebraska Christian has 35 students who are from Taiwan, China, Korea, Vietnam, Thailand, and Kenya. Since they are from different languages, ethnicities, and cultures, the international students must adjust to the American way of life. Learning how to be independent and taking care of themselves without their families is important for the international students.

"Experiencing various cultures widens my view of the world; it really expands my thoughts and helps me to learn about being independent and responsible," said Alex Hao (11), who is in his third year at NC.

Although the explorers stay

thousands of miles away from their family, friends, and culture, they accept and embrace their new experiences. It is important for the international students to make new friends here at NC. One of the dorm girls, Bella Yin (9), said, *"Every person I meet here has different cultures than I have, and it helps me a lot because I can learn many things from everyone's personality. I also appreciate every friend I make here. We always have fun together by making jokes, and they always encourage and support me."*

The adventurers spend each day together; they become brothers and sisters. The time they spend with each other helps them develop close relationships and even gives a deeper understanding of themselves.

- Grace Wu (11)

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5. Michelle Huang (9) and Sonya Wu (10) cook in Elliot Hall's new kitchen. The girls liked to cook their home dishes and shared the food with other girls afterward, enjoying every moment they cooked and ate together.

6. Kevin Yu (9), Alex Hao (11), G Nguyen (11), and Minh Vu (11) wrap Christmas gifts for Operation Christmas Child. Sending the joyful packages to children in different countries was a good opportunity for the international students to share Jesus with others.

7. Melinda Kim (10), Gladys Choi (11), Trang Doan (11), Isabella Yang (12), Miss Kaity Flynn, and Skyler Qu (12) hang out together after supper. It was always fun for the dorm students to take a walk outside when the weather was nice, talking and getting more of an understanding of each other.

Ambassadors for Christ

Nebraska Christian students have the opportunity to assist in many service projects. One such project is the annual NC Benefit Dinner and Silent Auction. Without students who give their time, the event could not happen. Many of this year's servers were rookies who were nervous about serving at the event. One such student, **Ben Janssen** (9), said, *"I was pretty excited to serve at the auction. I became nervous during the serving of the main course because my hands stuck to the plates, but God helped me get through without a major spill."*

Another project that students participated in was the yearly service day. Junior and senior high students were split into

working groups of various sizes. One group went to Prairie Plains, where they chopped down cedar tree saplings and scooped out large, pesky weeds. Other groups worked outdoors at Bader Park and the Dark Island Trail, while still others cooked meals for police officers, washed windows, helped out at the Thrift Store, and made baby quilts for Mission Heart. Though the students worked hard, they also enjoyed their time serving others.

All-in-all, the chance for students to bring joy to the NC family and the surrounding community was a blessing to the students and those they served alike.

-Makenna Loy (12)



1. George Nguyen (12), partnered with Danae Burdett (10), places desserts on their assigned tables prior to the Harvest Festival. Serving at the event allowed students to give back to those whose financial and prayer support have helped keep the school open.



2. Garrett Nokelby (8), Kate Pipher (9), Alyssa Gustafson (9), and Joel Poppe (10) practice their plating skills during the NC Benefit Auction. Most students fought some nerves during the Auction, but this group was able to overcome those nerves and share a smile.



3. Cutting vegetables, Alexis Hower (12), Rachel Epp (11), and Noah Dexter (12) cook with concentration. On the annual work day, a group of students cooked food to give to the local law enforcement.



4. Trang Doan (11) and Mrs. Ronda Jividen work diligently on baby quilts. Doan and Jividen were a part of a team who went to the local church to make blankets for Mission Heart during the school's annual service day.

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Memorable Events Bring Joy

Throughout the school year, Nebraska Christian holds many special events that help students and community members make lasting memories.

The Festival of Lessons and Carols was an event filled with fantastic songs and a talented orchestra. Mr. Mike Flynn, the school's music director, stated, *"This year's festival was probably the best one we've had in ten years. Our constant practice and preparation was rewarded as we witnessed the community come together and worship the Lord through song."*

Besides the festival, there was one other event that was filled with fun and music. The Elementary Musical featured the acting and musical talents of various elementary students. *"It was a lot of fun!"* exclaimed choir member Emily Perry (K).

The Dinner & Benefit Auction

is always anticipated by students and community members. *"The auction is a great way to get people from the community on campus who probably wouldn't otherwise come out,"* said Superintendent Josh Cumpston.

A highly anticipated event unique to the 2015-2016 school year was the dedication of Elliot Hall, the new girls' dorm. The completion of the dorm represented Phase 1 of "The Next 50 Years" capital campaign. Everyone who donated to the project was invited to the dedication, where former and current dorm students spoke about their experiences in the dorm, and the dorm was opened for tours.

Overall, the special events from the 2015-2016 school year will not soon be forgotten.

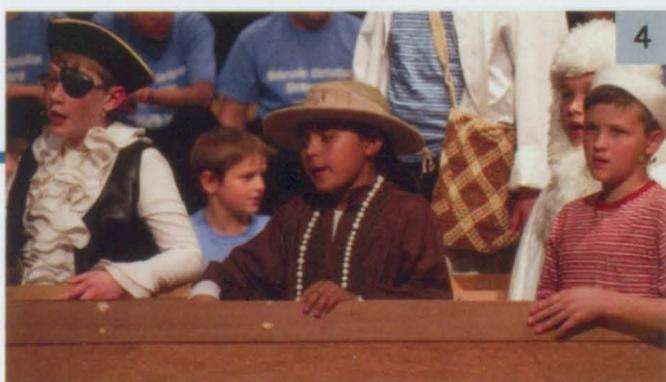
-Makenna Loy (12) and Miss Becky Ritta



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2. Isabella Yang (12) gives a heartwarming speech at Elliot Hall's dedication. This year, the school was proud to unveil a new dorm for the girls, which will also be used for camps and retreats during the summer.

1. Cameron Langemeier (12) and partner Katie Entz (11) serve various hors d'oeuvres at the NC Benefit Auction. Students who were hors d'oeuvre servers dressed lavishly for the event as they served and spoke with the donors.

3. The Nebraska Christian Ensemble, with eyes focused on Director Eric Knapp, sings along with the orchestra. The ensemble put extreme hours of practice and work into their various musical pieces.

4. Tyler Cumpston (6), Sarah Lasso (5), and Conner Broman (6) sing in the annual Patch the Pirate elementary musical. The musical was an adorable event that the elementary students performed. They put in an extreme amount of work every year.

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Special Events

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United We Stand

Homecoming week is a hectic event at NC. The purpose of this event, to promote school spirit and to unite the student body, is easily lost in the many activities. This year, however, students truly focused on the point of Homecoming. During the dress-up days, for example, there were many expressions of school spirit and student camaraderie.

On Tuesday's Fashion Disaster Day, a few teachers displayed their school spirit and joined the students in styling hilariously haphazard outfits. Mr. Eric Zanger particularly went all out. **Laura Carlson** (9) commented on his appearance, "Mr. Zanger's Fashion Disaster outfit was the ultimate eclectic hodgepodge of

everything he found in his closet that clashed!"

Wednesday's Marvel vs. Disney Day inspired students to unite and dress up as famous movie groups. Thursday, Class Holiday Day, brought classes together through assigned holidays, such as St. Patrick's Day for the freshmen and Christmas for the seniors.

On Friday, Blue and White Day, the whole school expressed school pride through their costumes. "It was fun to see everyone show school spirit on Friday!" **Kate Pipher** (9) thought. Homecoming was truly an example of student unity and school pride.

- Christina Bailey (12)



1. Cassidy Ostrand (12) and Whitney Heuermann (12) pose as the characters Cindy-Lou Who and the Grinch from the Christmas classic "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas." Seniors were assigned Christmas as their Class Holiday during

Homecoming week, and many of them found creative ways to interpret the theme.



2. Nebraska Christian students show off their outfits to one another in the hallway of the high school building on Fashion Disaster Day. Some students put an outstanding amount of effort into their outfits that day, while others randomly raided their closets for mismatched pieces.

3. Decked out in blue and white attire, **Alexis Hower** (12), **Susan Hofmann** (12), **Tara Murphy** (12), **Makenna Loy** (12), and **Corryn Falk** (10) express their school spirit at the Homecoming football game. The majority of the students paid special attention to their Blue and White Day outfits, as it was the "finale" of Homecoming week.



4. Classmates **Andrew Feely** (10) and **Claire Ostrand** (10), along with freshman **Jacob Twogood**, show off their *Up* inspired outfits. Many students used Marvel vs. Disney Day to form famous movie groups, ranging from a family of *The Incredibles* to Anna and Elsa from *Frozen*.

expressing **CREATIVITY**

1 A Break in Routine

Nebraska Christian students, though diverse in their backgrounds, opinions, and ethnicity, have all experienced doldrums in the school year—points in time when class schedules, extracurricular activities, and homework feel rather mundane. Thankfully, the Nebraska Christian student council is dedicated to adding spice and spirit to the daily school routine.

Throughout the school year, the Student Council hosted pep rallies, dress-up days, and a vast variety of other exciting, student-oriented events.

Not only did the student council create fun activities, but they also created ways for the student body to serve others. One of these projects was the annual Red Cross Blood Drive.

The blood drive is perhaps one of the most impactful events of the year, as each pint of blood given could save three lives.

Reflecting on the student council-sponsored events, Katie Nyberg (10) stated, *"I really liked the game that the athletes played at the Homecoming pep rally. It really put people on the spot!"*

Susan Hofmann (12) also observed, *"My favorite Student Council activities were the games we played during Spiritual Emphasis day. They really brought our E-group closer together."*

Students greatly appreciated the work of the Student Council and welcomed their numerous, routine breaking events.

- Christina Bailey (12)

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1. Elementary children, including Emily Perry (K), Noah Creutzberg (K), Trev McHargue (K), Caleb Whalen (1), Anisha McCray-Luce (K), and Clayton Johnson (1) enjoy pizza provided by the student council. On the secondary school's annual service day, the student council decided to give the cooks the day off and provide pizza for all students and staff.

2. Student Council Secretary Tara Murphy (12) directs Brennan Nokelby (10) and Jeremiah Ebel (11) in the midst of a pep rally game. This game, which required students to spin in dizzying circles before they played, proved to challenge even the most athletic participants.



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3. Logan Faeh (12) relaxes as a nurse draws his blood. The student council annually hosts a Red Cross blood drive, but this year saw a significant increase in student and faculty blood donors over past years.

4. A squadron of brave students charge into a dodge ball game during the Homecoming pep rally. Some students did not possess this same, competitive spirit, however, and chose to hide rather than play.

showing **SPIRIT**

One Last Trip

Senior year is sometimes an intimidating time to look forward to, yet it's one of the greatest years to experience. Before the seniors move out into the world and say goodbye to one another, the school provides them with one last "field trip" together.

Nebraska Christian takes the seniors on a yearly trip to Washington, D.C. On their trip, the seniors visited many places, such as the Arlington National Cemetery, the Library of Congress, and the Holocaust Museum. **Makenna Loy (12)** said the Holocaust Museum was one of her favorite places to experience. "Visiting the museum was an extremely moving experience. You always hear and learn about how terrible

of a tragedy the Holocaust was, but when you actually see the horrors that were done to innocent people, it becomes startlingly real."

The trip is always a memorable time of learning, and students often leave with a different view of history and today's government. One such student, **Whitney Heuermann (12)**, expressed, "When we visited Arlington Cemetery and saw the sheer size of it and the seemingly never-ending tombstones, it made me realize how many sacrifices have been made for us to be free here in the U.S. Freedom isn't free, and it was amazing to see how much pride our country takes in honoring the fallen."

- Janie Mousel (11)



1. Just barely covered by the beautiful Autumn leaves, the U.S. Capitol was just one of the many places the seniors visited. While at the Capitol, the seniors met with Nebraska Senator Deb Fisher.

2. With the Washington Monument in the distance, the senior class looks over Arlington National Cemetery. Visiting the cemetery was truly an eye opening experience for the seniors.



3. Aaron An (12) observes the Gutenberg Bible during his visit to the Library of Congress. The Library serves as the research arm of Congress and is also the largest library in the world.



4. Whitney Heuermann (12), Cassidy Ostrand (12), and Tara Murphy (12) visit the Botanical Gardens. The senior girls enjoyed their visit to the lush atrium, where they observed some unusual plants that they don't normally see in Nebraska.

experiencing **HISTORY**

A Week of Fellowship

As the juniors draw close to their senior year, they take a class trip to Minneapolis, Minnesota. On the 2016 trip, the juniors visited the University of Minnesota, Crown College, Bethany Press, the Mall of America, and former tennis player David Wheaton's home, and they enjoyed a few other activities on the side. The trip was a great way to experience worldviews and was also a great learning experience. Jeremiah Ebel (11) stated, "We were able to see the differences between a Christian college and a public university, and we were also able to see how the world views things from a non-christian perspective."

Each day in Minneapolis was busy, but the sponsors allowed the students to have some free time, as well. The students visited the Art Institute of Minneapolis and also went bowling and laser tagging. The activities were fun, but they weren't the only thing that the juniors enjoyed. Sarah Simmons (11) said, "My favorite part of the trip was getting to know my classmates much better and getting to bond with them all week. Also the malts at Annie's Parlor were amazing."

The week was filled with fellowship and was an amazing opportunity to build current friendships and make new ones.

- Janie Mousel (11)



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2. At Annie's Parlor, Rachel Epp (11), Sarah Simmons (11), Janie Mousel (11), and Trang Doan (11) prepare for what Mr. Steve James describes as the best malts in the world. After the meal, the juniors headed back to the hotel for a fun night of bowling and laser tagging.

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1. Gathered around the living room of David Wheaton's home, Trang Doan (11), Wendy Bornmann (11), Cole Ruybalid (11), Jeremiah Ebel (11), Juan Lasso (11), and Reagan Williams (11) join the other juniors for a time of worship. "Visiting with David and his family was a great time of fellowship and learning. His parents, wife, and friends had a lot of advice and wise words for us," Janie Mousel (11) said.

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3. After a much-needed lunch at Annie's Parlor, a group of juniors jump for joy before they set out for their next destination, the bus. There was a lot of dreaded walking after that meal, but the malts were worth it.

4. Just after their visit with David Wheaton and his family, the juniors pose for a picture by the lake behind Wheaton's house. This was just one of the many lakes the juniors saw in the "Land of 10,000 Lakes."

Honoring Senior Leadership

Whether in class or out, on the field or on the stage, NC's upperclassmen make it their goal to set an example for the younger students. The juniors especially respected the seniors for the hard work and dedication in the academic world. **Jeremiah Ebel** (11), stated "The seniors were great leaders in and out of school. The ones that were in school activities showed that they wanted to serve the Lord and also help turn the juniors into godly leaders." The Nebraska Christian Honor Banquet, though fairly new still to the school, is a fun and memorable way to wrap up the year and recognize the seniors as they complete their high school lives.

A reoccurring theme this year has been togetherness, union and overall harmony in the junior and senior classes.

Students build each other up through encouragement, circumstances, and most importantly the word of God to grow into the young adults they're meant to be. **Isabella Yang** (12) said, "Everyone in our class was willing to help each other out, and they all tried their best to practice God's commitments. We encouraged and pushed our classmates to be better; we grow together."

God has certainly gifted this class with all the knowledge, talent and drive to spare, and the underclassmen most certainly do look up to them in every activity. The graduating class of 2016 has set and achieved so many goals, and the junior class, as well as the Lord, honors them for what they've done.

- Hailee Broman (11)



1. National Guard members

Alexis Hower (12) and **Jeremiah Ebel** (11) get a quick picture before heading into the dining hall to eat.

Both Hower and Ebel trained hard at drill, so it was nice to have a gathering like the Honor Banquet to relax, slow down, and appreciate each other. They both headed to boot camp early in the summer.

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2. The senior class poses for its group picture. **Tara Murphy** (12) said, "The Juniors did a great job making Honor Banquet a special night for the seniors. All of us felt so honored and appreciated."

Honor Banquet was a success and the juniors look forward to next year, when it will be their turn to be recognized.

3. Senior girls **Katie Cumpston**, **Whitney Heuermann**, **Makenna Loy**, **Tara Murphy**, **Cassidy Ostrand** and **Alexis Hower** pose in the photo booth at the Honor Banquet after party. The after party was a fun way to end the night, as well as bond with classmates in a unique and exciting way.

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4. Senior **Panny Wang** and junior **Rachel Epp** pose for a photo to remember the night. Wang and Epp spent the Christmas break together, and they grew closer than ever before. All students have been greatly blessed by the genuine and lasting friendships between American and international students.

celebrating **SUCCESS**
Honor Banquet

1 Beginning Anew

New beginnings are all around us. They come and go like trains in a station. For the Nebraska Christian graduates of 2016, a new beginning starts now. These students have worked incredibly hard, achieved their set goals, and thrived in every activity.

A major part of the seniors' legacies, whether they know it or not, is the impact they have on the students. Every person, from preschool on up, is affected by their leadership. **Sarah Simmons** (11) noted, *"I have known some of the seniors since kindergarten. I have many memories with them, but their kind hearts and love for the Lord are things I will never forget about this class."* God has most certainly gifted these students with incredible talents and abilities, and the school honors everything they've done.

So the certificates were received, speeches were given, and tassels were turned that morning. Bittersweet tears were shed as the seniors celebrated the earned victory we call graduation. This class will be missed greatly by nearly all of the underclassmen. **Bella Yin** (9) said, *"I will keep in touch with the seniors. They are always in my heart. Although they are gone, they had a really deep impression on my heart."*

No words can describe how proud the parents, teachers, friends and family are of the class of 2016, all they've accomplished, and how they have honored God in their years of high school at Nebraska Christian.

- Hailee Broman (11)

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1. Nebraska Attorney General Doug Peterson gives his words of encouragement to the graduating seniors of 2016. **Makenna Loy** (12), *"His speech was unique in that it was not only directed to the seniors, but the audience and underclassmen as well. It was genuine, and I really enjoyed hearing him share."*

2. Cassidy Ostrand (12) stands at the podium to give her speech. Katie Cumpston (12) and Alexis Hower (12) also gave speeches for this year's ceremony, and all three girls delivered them with confidence and grace. Underclassmen were encouraged by the seniors' words of wisdom.



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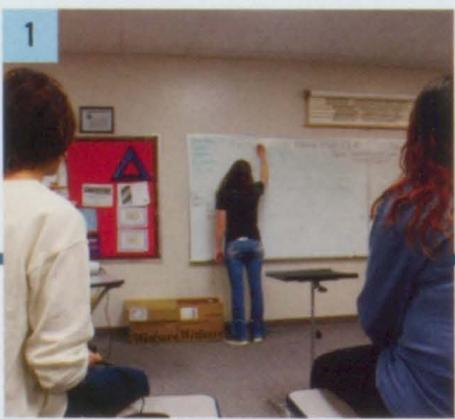
3. A few members of the class of 2016 celebrate following the graduation ceremony. The staff and students of Nebraska Christian will miss the class, but they encourage them in their bright futures and successes to come.

4. Graduating senior **Logan Faeh** (12) shakes Board Chairman Paul McHargue's hand as he receives his well-earned high school diploma. Faeh is the last in a long line of Faehs to graduate from NC; all of his siblings, as well as his father and several aunts, uncles, and cousins, are also NC alumni.

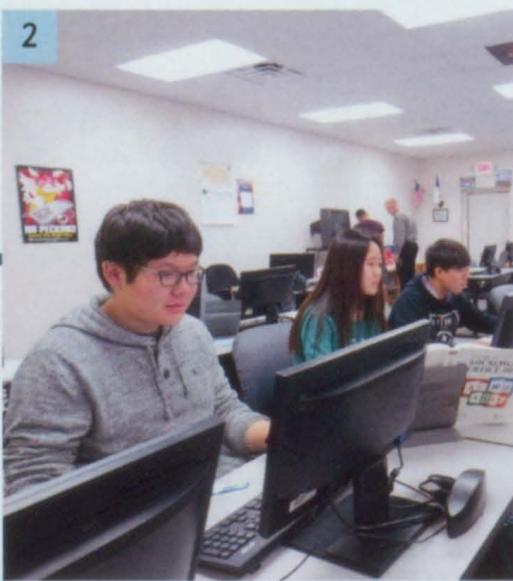
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Graduation

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1. Yearbook members Tara Murphy (12) and Makenna Loy (12) gaze onward as Alexis Hower (12) marks the points for an impromptu Pictionary game. Students in this class learned how to balance both looming deadlines and spare class time, as well as how to patiently endure Internet connection issues.



2. Alex Hao (11), Isabella Yang (12), and Aaron An (12) complete their Media Class assignments. Though this class was relatively small, the students worked as a team to write important blog posts and shoot videos of the school's various events.



3. Band students Wendy Bornmann (11), Marilla Flynn (11), Shelby Swanson (7), Sydney Fuehrer (9), Alyssa Broman (7), and Micah Smith (10) warm-up before their performance at Grace University in Omaha. The NC band relished the opportunity to play with college students and bond with one another during the long bus ride to and from the University.

collaborate



4. Speech team members Makenna Loy (12), Samuel Twogood (10), Jeremiah Ebel (11), Wendy Bornmann (11), and Sydney Fuehrer (9) (out of frame) present their Oral Interpretation of Drama, "The \$39 Man," during NC speech showcase night. This OID stood out with unique sound effects, expressions, and voices.



5. Following their pre-district competition performance in the NC gym, one-act members stand together and receive the applause of the audience. The special sense of unity during the entire process of one-act practices and competitions allowed students to shine on stage and in the classroom.

6. The NC ensemble prepares for the Festival of Lessons and Carols with renowned maestro Eric Dale Knapp. Makenna Loy (12), an ensemble member, commented, *"I really enjoyed the way that Mr. Knapp helped us develop our talents. It's amazing that NC gets to work with someone who has so much experience and insight, year after year."*

Navigating High School Side by Side

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The tumultuous waters of high school are difficult to navigate, and Nebraska Christian students are no exception. Each year of high school brings its own fair share of difficulties: heavy homework loads, complicated student clashing, stressful concession stand duty, and endless college applications. If students try to stand alone through these hardships, they may find themselves fighting upstream from their first day of freshman year until graduation day.

Thankfully, Nebraska Christian's activities provide a way for students to come together and use their God-given abilities. Through these activities, students build friendships that they can rely on in the adversity of high school. Rather than standing alone, they

learn to stand side by side.

During the 2015-2016 school year, a bevy of NC students came together and participated in various activities, from yearbook to choir, one-act to student council, and speech to band. Through these events students drew closer to one another, encouraged each other, endured hardship together, and formed a team.

Madison Felt (9) commented, "I was in choir, drama, and speech this year. These activities allowed me to build strong relationships with people. They helped me to get to know others better and form lasting bonds with them."

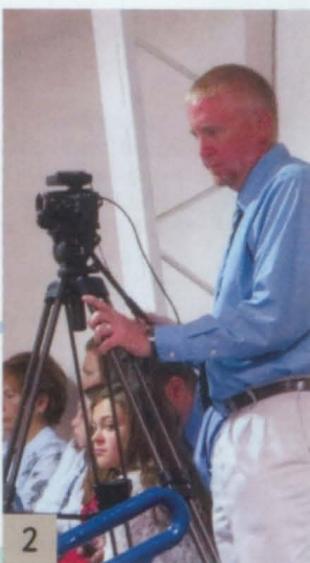
Cole Ruybalid (11) reflected on the importance of activities: "I haven't done much with athletics in school, but I've really found my

place in NC's activities. I love acting, so I've gone out for both drama and speech. Music is another passion of mine, so I also joined band and choir. I even made the ensemble. Through all of these activities, I have been able to meet a lot of people I did not know very well and have learned how important it is to just be myself."

This year, NC students built solid relationships with one another through their school activities. These relationships extended beyond the extracurricular aspects of high school and into every area of this difficult stage of life. Rather than sinking into isolation, students stood firm, side by side.

- Christina Bailey (12)

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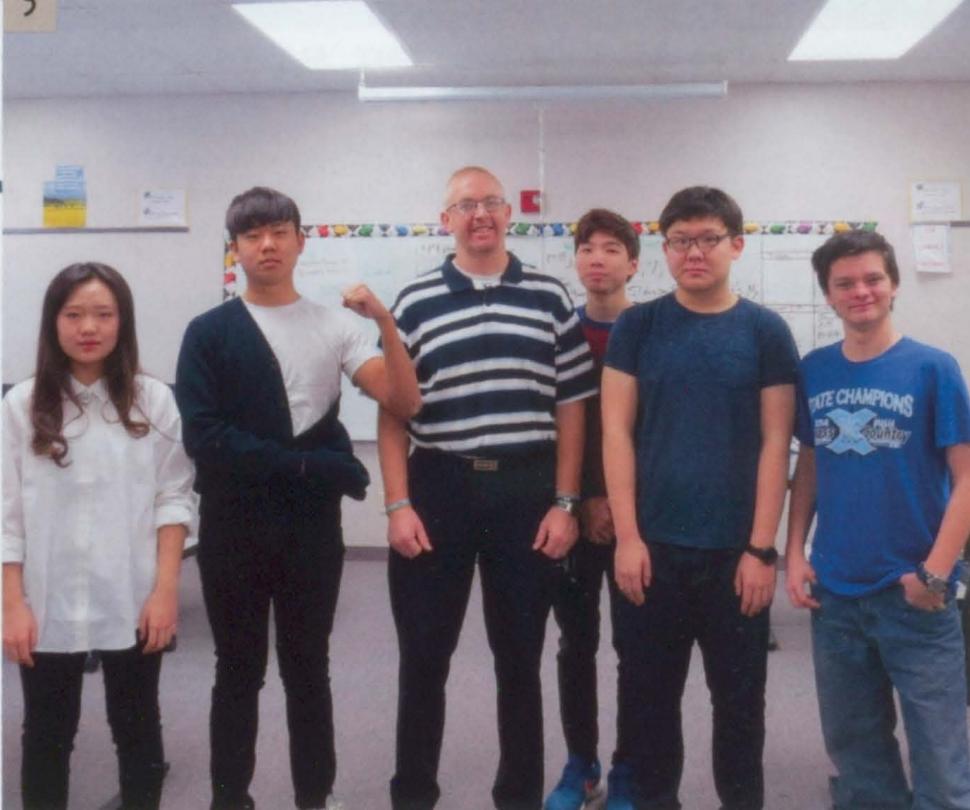
1. Mr. Mark Leonard leans over to give his students direction for their blog posts in the media class while Brad Hilderbrand (9) diligently works on his post. Leonard was always close by, ready to give advice and critique the students' writing.

2. Mr. Mark Leonard steadily films graduation to be streamed live on the school's Striv channel. Many people in the community appreciated the opportunity to watch events and games without having to be in attendance.

3. Brad Hilderbrand (9), Aaron An (12), Isabella Yang (12), and Alex Hao (11) are sitting in Media class. Students diligently worked in order to receive an acceptable grade. While the second period Digital Media class was small, they all worked hard as a team to write blog posts that covered current NC events.

4. The media students work on their bi-weekly articles for Mr. Mark Leonard on the topics of technology and Christian living. This gave students a chance to practice their writing skills, as well as learn about technology's impact on the world.

5. *Digital Media Class.* Left to right: Isabella Yang (12), Aaron An (12), Mr. Mark Leonard, Martin Nguyen (12), Alex Hao (12), and Brad Hilderbrand (9).



Recording History

Although a small class of just five, the 2015-2016 digital media class supplied the school's website with a plethora of informative blog posts to ensure that current students, as well as NC

Alumni, parents, and friends, stayed up to date on what was going on at the school.

"Digital Media is a very instrumental class for our school. The weekly blogs that are posted on NC's website definitely do their job of keeping readers informed about what is happening at school," said Mr. Mark Leonard.

Overall, the digital media class readily furnished the Nebraska Christian website with compelling and engaging articles and blog posts. Residents inside and outside of the NC community were able to appreciate events through the students' work on Striv TV. Their year was decidedly successful.

-Laura Carlson (9)

Calling the Shots

People tend to forget certain aspects of high school. Though they may remember friendships, the academics, the activities and the sports, nobody can recall every moment and every detail. This year, the yearbook staff made it their goal to produce a book with a treasure trove of pictures, quotes, and memorable moments that would help students recall things they might otherwise forget. **Janie Mousel (11)** said, "The mistakes of past yearbooks showed us what we should and shouldn't do. We learned that some designs might sound fun but aren't as pretty on paper."

Attending a yearbook conference in Columbus proved to be very helpful.

The students were able to

compare the yearbooks of other schools and decide what worked and what didn't. Discussion time afterwards over coffee guided the theme for the book from then on. **Christina Bailey (12)** commented about the event: "The yearbook conference was a blast! We had a crazy brainstorming session and yummy food at a cute coffee shop. It really brought us closer together as one unified team."

Following the conference, the class quickly agreed upon a theme, though the details of the layout still took a while to decide upon. In the end, though, the staff created a book that ultimately captured the school year.

-Laura Carlson (9)

1. Cole Ruybalid (11) and Jeremiah Ebel (11) type, busily working on their assigned pages during class. "Yearbook class was a very fun experience. I got the opportunity to talk to people that I normally wouldn't have talked to and get to know them better," said Ebel.



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2. The seniors of the yearbook class, Tara Murphy, Alexis Hower, Christina Bailey, and Makenna Loy, hold up their Christmas mugs that were exchanged during the class' holiday party. The event was used as a valuable opportunity to get to know each other better.

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3. Halle Strong (9), Hailee Broman (11), Laura Carlson (9), and Christina Bailey (12) stand, dramatically portraying their characters' personalities. They were cleverly dressed up in different roles for the spirit day "Disney vs. Marvel" during homecoming week.

4. Miss Becky Ritta, Christina Bailey (12), and Tara Murphy (12) laugh while discussing possible themes at the yearbook conference in Columbus. Part of the class attended the event early in the year and enjoyed tossing around ideas for the 2015-2016 yearbook.

5. Yearbook Staff. Front to back, from left. Row 1: Head photographer Hailee Broman (11), Christina Bailey (12). Row 2: Editor Alexis Hower (12), Laura Carlson (9), Halle Strong (9), Grace Wu (11), Advisor Miss Becky Ritta. Row 3: Makenna Loy (12), Assistant Editor Tara Murphy (12), Jeremiah Ebel (11), Business Manager Cole Ruybalid (11), Janie Mousel (11).



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1. As they focus on the director at Grace University, **Juan Lasso** (11), **Curt Bailey** (9), and **Grant Stuhmer** (7) listen diligently to one another as they perform. Bailey said, "Playing at Grace University was a lot of fun! The Omaha Percussion Ensemble was very talented, so listening to them was definitely a highlight." Working at Grace was an honor and a privilege for the students.

2. **Seth Hower** (8) plays with spirit in the NC student section. Playing for football, basketball, and volleyball games was definitely a highlight for the secondary band, and it was great practice for their performances at concerts, colleges, and more.

3. Focusing on the beat of the piece, the NC band students give it their all for the judge. At Goldenrod Conference music, the mighty musicians blew away the judges and received a superior rating.

4. Band students **Cole Ruybalid** (11), **Micah Smith** (10), **Jessica Hilderbrand** (10) and **Matthew Myers** (12) prepare their instruments for the fall sports pep rally. Pep rallies were an exciting and lively way of preparing our athletes for their upcoming events.

5. **Wendy Bornmann** (11), **Marilla Flynn** (11) and **Andrew Feely** (10) make beautiful music with their saxophones and French horns. At Grace University Band Clinic, students experienced what it was like to play like a professional.

Harmonize Together

Throughout the years, have no problem with this. Nebraska Christian students have worked vigorously in band. Whether in class or out, hard work and practice are key to creating beautiful, harmonized music. One thing the musicians have all felt this year is the tune of togetherness. As **Lydia Langemeier** (10) said, "Everyone was really encouraging. **Morgan Schulze** (11) was always willing to answer my questions and **Cole Ruybalid** (11) helped me with learning the saxophone." Without everyone being in perfect harmony, the music would be unorganized and unkempt.

However, anyone who has heard the students play knows perfectly well they

New to band this year, **Jamie Myers** (8) stated, "Our band has been limited in size these past couple years, but we still practice, memorize pieces, and perform to our full potential."

In spite of the size, band members at NC have a motive and a reason for playing. They work together, harmonize in sync and practice for hours on end for one reason alone--to glorify the Heavenly Father who has so graciously blessed them with the ability to play in the first place.

- **Hailee Broman** (11)

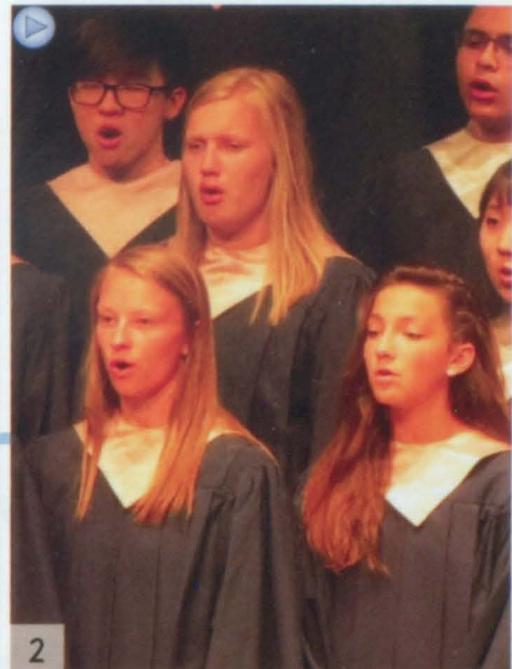
Sing Unto the Lord

Vowel shapes, perfect "Ascribe to the Lord," and posture, and sympathetic others. facial expressions are all essential techniques the Nebraska Christian choir students have practiced day after day. In addition to the concentration and hard work, **Mr. Mike Flynn** stressed to the musicians the true reason for singing, and that is to glorify and honor the Lord God who has blessed man with voice. Flynn read a daily Psalm to the class to remind the students of the praises David sang to the Lord even as he was in deep pain and agony.

The choir's connection to God's Word went much deeper than a daily Psalm. Many of the songs the choir sang were rooted in Scripture, such as "The Lord is My Light," "The Lord Bless You and Keep You,"

- Hailee Broman (11)

1. NC ensemble members **Danae Burdett** (10) and **Marilla Flynn** (11) balance their focus on both their music and the director as they sing in a special concert at UNK. Flynn said, "My favorite part of ensemble was singing with Rene Clausen. It was an honor to make beautiful music with a renowned composer/conductor." The ensemble was one of four choirs chosen to perform with the UNK choir and special director Rene Clausen at the event.



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2. At the Annual Spring Concert at the Performing Arts Center in Central City, Nebraska Christian musicians give it their all as they sing "Let Everything that Hath Breath." Every year the choir students look forward to concluding the year with a lovely performance at the Spring Concert.

3. Concentrating on their music, sopranos **Claire Ostrand** (9), **Halle Strong** (9), and **Olivia Prettyman** (9) sing during Mr. Mike Flynn's 9th period choir class. Practice during school has always been an essential part of perfecting music for performances throughout the year.

4. The choir practices "Upon This Rock" and "The Lord is My Light" during graduation rehearsal. Graduation is always the choir's last performance of the year.

5. Performing at the annual Festival of Lessons and Carols, **Matthew Myers** (12), **Brennan Nokelby** (10), **Andrew Feely** (10), and **Kyle Kim** (10) sing harmoniously in the spirit of Christmas. The Festival was a gorgeous evening, and all who participated greatly enjoyed it.

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1. **Zac Dockweiler's (12) school spirit shines through as he uses his creativity to decorate the hallway with blue and white streamers for Homecoming week. The hallway decorations added to the excitement and festivity of the much-anticipated week.**

2. **Katie Cumpston (12) delivers a compelling speech to convince the student body to vote for her President of the Student Council. Each student that ran for a Student Council officer position had to give a short speech that explained why he or she was the best candidate for the position.**

3. **During a STUCO officer meeting, Zac Dockweiler (12) sips on his cup of hot chocolate as he and Tara Murphy (12) concentrate on the plans for the games at Spiritual Emphasis Day. In order for the activities to go smoothly, the STUCO officers spent many lunch hours in meetings, planning upcoming events.**

4. **Tara Murphy (12), Zac Dockweiler (12), and Alexis Hower (12) work with Rachel Epp (11) to put together as many hygiene kits as possible. The supplies for the kits were kept in the library, so students in study hall could compile kits during their free time.**

5. **During the student council sponsored Red Cross blood drive, Marilla Flynn (11), Alexis Hower (12), Katie Cumpston (12), and Carsyn Ostrand (9) help out at the check-in table. Many of the STUCO members donated blood as well as helped out, setting an example for the rest of the student body to follow.**

Leading by Example

Leadership positions are hard to fill. The extra work required, combined with the vigilant attention of younger peers, puts a lot of pressure on those trying to lead. This year the Student Council (STUCO) took on this challenging responsibility with bold determination and endless energy.

From the very beginning, the Student Council officers, President **Katie Cumpston (12)**, Vice President **Alexis Hower (12)**, Secretary **Tara Murphy (12)**, and Treasurer **Zac Dockweiler (12)**, made it their mission to make the year an unforgettable one.

With the help of the class officers, they came up with innovative and lively activities to entertain the student body and create a break from the regular routine of school. One such activity was the Christmas Lip Sync Battle. "We wanted to create a festive activity that really got the students into the Christmas

spirit. Who knows? We may have even started a great tradition," said Murphy. Another goal of this year's Student Council was to focus on service. Throughout the year, the students participated in multiple service projects sponsored by the Student Council, including putting together hygiene kits with Mission Heart for needy children in Zambia and writing Christmas cards to veterans. "While writing on the Christmas cards, I was reminded of all the sacrifices that these veterans made for their country. They were selfless so that I could live in a free and protected nation," said Dockweiler.

Although presented with a daunting task, the Student Council embraced their leadership roles and accomplished what they set out to do: have a fun year while uniting the student body.

- Alexis Hower (12)



God-Given Knowledge

In Proverbs 1:7, Solomon writes, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction," (NIV). This verse is the exact reason why Nebraska Christian has a quiz bowl team. God has blessed those who truly believe in Him with knowledge and understanding. Christians are called to use that God-given wisdom to glorify and please Him.

The Quiz Bowl team took their gifts to competition and were extremely successful. Noah Dexter (12) said, "The root of our success, far more so than hard work or devotion, was the fact that God blessed our team with a tremendous amount of background knowledge."

At Conference, the high school team received first place, and after a month of anxious waiting, both the

junior high and high school team competed at Districts.

Although competing against teams they had lost to before, the junior high team excelled and earned the second place trophy. The high school team also placed second, which qualified them for the state competition.

At state, the high school team won two consecutive rounds, then lost the next two. Curt Bailey (9) said,

"Quiz Bowl was great this year, and going to state was even cooler. As one of the younger students, it was neat to see all the knowledge the older students have gathered over the years."

Both the Junior High and High School Quiz Bowl teams represented the school well during competition and gave God all the credit for their success.

- Alexis Hower (12)

1. Olivia Janssen (7), Hunter Dixon (8), and Seth Hower (8) stand ready to use their knowledge and quickly answer the question. Junior high quiz bowl gave the young students a chance to test their skills, and it also prepared them for high school competition.



2. Noah Dexter (12), Ben Janssen (9), and Trevor Swanson (12) congregate to discuss a bonus question. In quiz bowl, after a team answers a toss-up question correctly, they are allowed to discuss possible answers to the bonus question with each other.



3. As the rest of the team competes, Mrs. Dee Flynn encourages Trevor Cumpston (9), Curt Bailey (9), Brennan Nokelby (10), Kate Pipher (9), and Andrew Feely (10) to pay attention and learn from the questions being asked during the round. The younger students were mixed in with older students during various rounds to increase the possibility of earning points.

4. During the first round of Conference Quiz Bowl, Whitney Heuermann (12), Marilla Flynn (11), Katie Cumpston (12), Noah Dexter (12), Ben Janssen (9), and Trevor Swanson (12) listen attentively to Mrs. Amy Fetterley as she reads the toss up question. The team won their first round at Conference which set them up to take home the first place trophy.

5. High School Quiz Bowl. Front to back, from left. Row 1: Katie Cumpston (12), Noah Dexter (12), Ben Janssen (9). Row 2: Whitney Heuermann (12), Trevor Swanson (12), Trevor Cumpston (9), Brennan Nokelby (10), Kate Pipher (9). Row 3: Danae Burdett (10), Marilla Flynn (11), Andrew Feely (10), Micah Smith (10).

6. Junior High Quiz Bowl. Front to back, from left. Row 1: Olivia Janssen (7), Shelby Swanson (7), Jamie Myers (8), Lauren Feely (8), Kendyl Jividen (8), Jayden Leonard (8). Row 2: Hunter Dixon (8), Grant Stuhmer (7), Seth Hower (8), Jackson Stebbing (8).

Stepping Up in a Big Way

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The 27-member speech team finished the season strong, winning runner-up honors at conference and districts and also qualifying nine students in seven different events for State. The novice team was instrumental in all of these successes.

In speech, a person is considered novice if it is his or her first year of speech competition. Fifteen of the speech team members were novice, while twelve were varsity. While all of the novice team impacted the team's success, three students in particular stood out: Alex Hao (11), Danae Burdett (10), and Sydney Fuehrer (9). These three placed at conference and district and qualified for the state meet. Hao, who partnered with Isabella Yang (12) in duet, competed successfully in varsity all year. "Competing at the varsity meets was hard for me in my first year because I was inexperienced. However, the stronger opponents helped me and my duet partner to fight for improvement; we learned a lot from them," he stated.

Fuehrer had a slow start

in novice with her humorous prose piece, but she came on strong at the end of the season, winning conference and placing third at districts.

Burdett had just about the best novice season she could have had, placing with her persuasive at every novice meet, winning conference and district, and placing second at state. She said, "This season has been so amazing. I was too scared to try speech last year, but I'm so glad I did this time around."

The varsity team saw and applauded the novice team's success. Morgan Schulze (11), a third-year team member, stated, "It was cool to see the novice speechers' faces when they first broke finals or when they medaled for the first time. They all gave it 110% and fully gave the glory to God while doing it."

The overall success of this year's speech team was blatantly obvious. Even though most of the state competitors the team sent did not final, they felt blessed to have the opportunity of competing at such a high level.

-Makenna Loy (12)

1. With arms outspread, Makenna Loy (12) performs her Serious Prose. Loy embraced her piece, which told the tale of a ghost searching for his deceased body's missing bone. Through her hard work and the grace of God, Loy placed first in four meets, including conference and district. She also took her piece to the state meet, where she received a superior rating.

2. Brothers Jake Twogood (9) and Sam Twogood (10) clasp each other for dear life in their duet titled "Bun Gee" by Ken Bradbury. This year was both of the boys' first year in speech. Their closeness as brothers was showcased throughout the entire piece.

3. Alex Hao (11) weeps passionately while the flustered Isabella Yang (12) pats consolingly. Hao and Yang experienced extreme amounts of success this speech season. Even though Hao held a novice rank, Yang's higher rank raised the talented duet up to compete on the varsity level, and they ended up competing at state.

4. Standing proudly on the podium, Danae Burdett (10) receives second at State. The personal of her piece was mental illness and its misconceptions.

5. Wendy Bornmann (11), Sam Twogood (10), and Makenna Loy (12) hold their frozen stares while Jeremiah Ebel (11), playing the evil villain Dr. Draino, stalks slyly in front of the group. Accompanied by narrator Sydney Fuehrer (9), the OID grew very close as teammates and friends throughout the season.

A Successful Season

The Nebraska Christian props, characters, and drama class, taught by Mrs. Karmen Hamer, charged into their season with fierce determination. This year's one-act play was titled *play to the Lord.*"

Under Jekyll's Hyde. The play was a spoof of Robert Louis Stevenson's *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.* The drama team competed twice this year: first at conference and then at district, placing second and fifth respectively.

Although the team didn't qualify for state, they were proud of their overall performances and felt satisfied with their hard work. Jeremiah Ebel (11) said, "This drama season was really fun and a great success. The team had more

- Makenna Loy (12)

1. Laughing nervously, Christina Bailey (12), playing a high class mother of twins, tries to explain away her daughters' raucous behavior. Pictured with Bailey is one of her "daughters," Alyssa Gustafson (9). Bailey embraced her character's airy, ignorant attitude with gusto.



2. Inspecting their work, Alyssa Prettyman (11) and Anna Musgrave (10) diligently prepare the backdrop. *Under Jekyll's Hyde* required a more elaborate set than some of the drama team's previous plays.

3. Makenna Loy (12), as the proper Lawyer Quill, and Wendy Bornmann (11), as the lovely Miss Lanyon, show their befuddlement about the sanity of their friend Dr. Jekyll, played by Juan Lasso (11). Bornmann and Loy, having performed together many times in the past, thoroughly enjoyed acting together in the production.

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4. Jessica Hilderbrand (10) and Madison Felt (9) sew costumes for the play. The class put a lot of thought into the costumes, props, and set design, and these touches helped lend an air of realism to the play.

5. Marilla Flynn (11), playing an adamant gypsy, throws her hand in disgust as Cole Ruybalid (11) and Madison Felt (9) attempt to calm her. Although Flynn had a relatively small part, she brought a shot of energy to the production.

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Alexis—“For this child I prayed, and the Lord granted me what I asked of Him.” 1 Samuel 1:27 You will find that the moments when you have really lived are the moments you have done things in the spirit of love through Christ. We are truly blessed, Alexis, as we look back upon your life, because we have really lived! God Bless

your future as you continue in the spirit of love through Christ!

Love you! Grandma & Grandpa Nordlund



Nolan—We are so proud of the man you have become and are thankful you have put your trust in God. Continue to bless others with your humor and your compassionate heart.

Jeremiah 29:11—“For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

We love you,
Dad, Mom & Hope



that He will never lose His grip on you.

Proverbs 31

Daddy, Mom and Seth

Alexis—It's not as if we didn't see glimpses along the way . . . but even the most fantastic of dreams could not have prepared us for the beautiful, talented young lady that you've become. Your mother and I placed you in God's hands when you were born, and He hasn't disappointed. May you never lose sight of His plan: you can be sure

that He will never lose His grip on you.

Proverbs 31

Daddy, Mom and Seth



NOAH, Noah, noah...as you were so affectionately called as a small child, you have grown through the stages of Buzz Lightyear, Sonic, Spiderman, Camouflage man, The Scientist, RED and finally The Author. You and Jesus truly are our best Christmas presents. We pray that God uses you to bring glory and honor to Him all the days of your life.

“For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

Love, Dad, Mom, Keziah, Alysha, and Amber
(Psst—I love you most, Mom)



Katie—Wow! How quickly 18 years have gone. We have loved watching you grow and can't wait to see what God has in store for you. Seek to please Him in all things.

Zephaniah 3:17, “The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness; He will quiet you by His love; He will exult over you with loud singing.”

We love you – Dad and Mom, Trevor, Tyler



Alexis—I will always look up to you!

Love, Seth



Cameron—You have truly been a blessing that only the Lord could give. It has been such a joy to watch you grow into the man you've become. We pray that you continue to turn to the Lord for guidance, and we look forward to seeing what path God has planned for you.

Proverbs 3:5-6: “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.”

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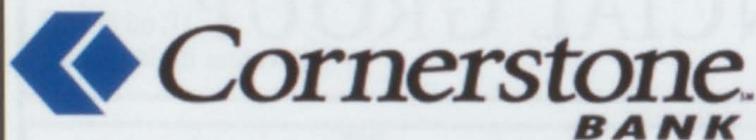
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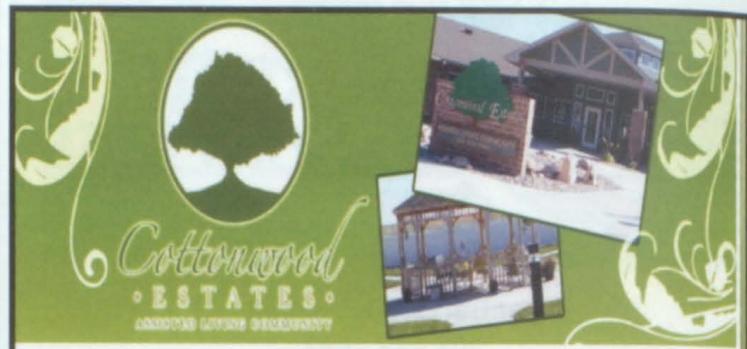
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1. Cross Country. Front to back, from left. Row 1: Ben Janssen (9), Nolan Kohmetscher (12), Bennett Zaruba (9), Ryan Dexter (9). Row 2: Brennan (10), Brad Hilderbrand (9), Jon Dockweiler (9), Cameron Langemeier (12), Matt Myers (12). Row 3: Halle Strong (9), Katie Nyberg (10), Katie Cumpston (12), Alyssa Prettyman (11). Row 4: Curt Bailey (9).



6. Wrestling. From left: Juan Lasso (11), Jaydon Elge (11), Andrew Feely (10), Luke Swanson (10). Not Pictured: Tommy Flynn (11), Jeb South (10).



3. Volleyball. Front to back, from left. Row 1: Michelle Huang (9), Clara Chon (10), Sonya Wu (10), Bella Yin (9), Cejay Miett (9). Row 2: Student Manager Shelby McHargue (6), Student Manager Stephanie Strobel (8), Laura Carlson (9), Anna Musgrave (10), Hailee Broman (11), Alyssa Gustafson (9), Cream Masatit (10), (student manager) Grace Langemeier (8), Student Manager Sidney McHargue (6). Row 3: Student Manager Taytum Perdew, Marilla Flynn (11), Reagan Williams (11), Jada McHargue (9), Alexis Hower (12), Emma Kaczor (9), Desired Lutes (11), Kate Pipher (9). Row 4: Olivia Prettyman (9), Alison Winsterman (9), Carsyn Ostrand (9), Adrienne Falk (9), Whitney Heuermann (12), Cassidy Ostrand (12), Claire Ostrand (10), Corryn Falk (10).

4. Club Soccer. Front to back, from left. Row 1: Tom Kang (11), Ben Janssen (9), Minh Vu (11), Barry Zhang (9), Duc Nguyen (12). Row 2: Coach Clay Mankin, Martin Nguyen (12), George Nguyen (12), Kyle Kim (10), Ryan Dexter (9), Cameron Langemeier (12), Matt Myers (12), Phillip Nguyen (12), Rocky Wang (10), Jackson Nelson (12).

7. New National Honor Society Members. Front to back, from left. Row 1: Trang Doan (11), Christina Bailey (12), Gladys Choi (11), Juan Lasso (11). Row 2: Marilla Flynn (11), Wendy Bornmann (11), Morgan Schulze (11), Benny Stevens (11).

5. Boys' Basketball. Front to back, from left. Row 1: Cody Griess (9), Student Manager Seth Hower (8), Student Manager Elijah Boersen (7), Student Manager Garrett Nokelby (8), Kevin Yu (9). Row 2: Phillip Nguyen (12), Baron Bai (9), Bennett Zaruba (9), Benjamin Griess (10), Spencer Williams (10), Timothy Hofmann (10), Joel Poppe (10), Trevor Cumpston (9), Albert Yang (12). Row 3: Coach's Aide Andy Perdew, Rocky Wang (10), Daniel Myers (10), Richard Zhao (10), Brennan Nokelby (10), Noah Boersen (9), Jon Dockweiler (9), Head Coach Mark Leonard. Row 4: Andrew Winsterman (11), Dillon Rose (12), Logan Faeh (12), Nolan Kohmetscher (12), Zac Dockweiler (12).

15. Speech. Front to back, from left. Row 1: Skyler Qu (12), Trang Doan (11), Isabella Yang (12), Cream Masatit (10), Corina Ge (11), Sophie Guo (11), Melinda Kim (10), Gladys Choi (11). Row 2: Kyle Kim (10), Grace Wu (11), Jeremiah Ebel (11), Madison Felt (9), Jessica Hilderbrand (10), Sydney Fuehrer (9), Head Coach Charissa Smith, Coaching Assistant Ruth Ferris. Row 3: Assistant Coach Becky Ritta, Jake Twogood (9), Lydia Langemeier (10), Makenna Loy (12), Wendy Bornmann (11), Danae Burdett (10), Katie Nyberg (10). Row 4: Cole Ruybalid (11), Sam Twogood (10), Morgan Schulze (11), Alex Hao (11), Coaching Assistant Shannon Rodehorst.

2. Football. Front to back, from left. Row 1: Justin Brock (9), Noah Boersen (9), Ben Griess (10), Joel Kaczor (10), Taylor Morris (11), Luke Swanson (10), Cody Griess (9). Row 2: Adrian Longoria (9), Andrew Feely (10), Trevor Cumpston (9), Timothy Hofmann (10), Jake Twogood (9), Joel Poppe (10), Jeremiah Ebel (11), Sam Twogood (10). Row 3: Tommy Flynn (11), Trevor Swanson (12), Zac Dockweiler (12), Dillon Rose (12), Andrew Winsterman (11), Logan Faeh (12), Benny Stevens (11), Carson Falk (12). Not pictured: Barry Zhang (9).



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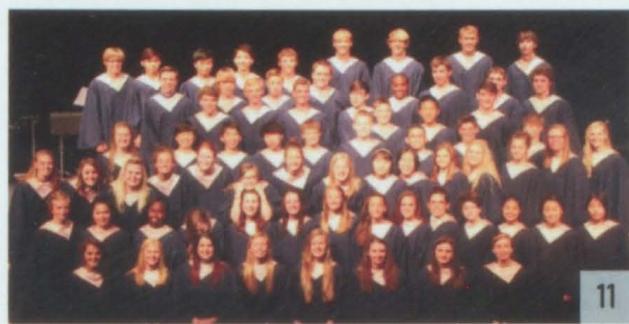


9. New Second Semester Students.

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14. Student Council.

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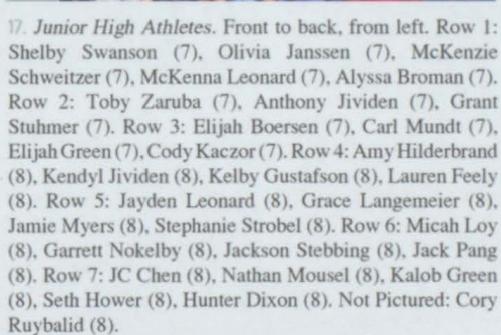
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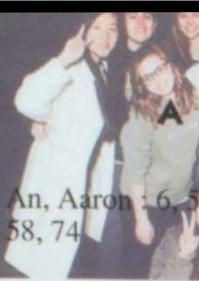


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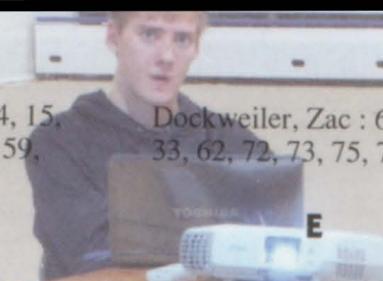
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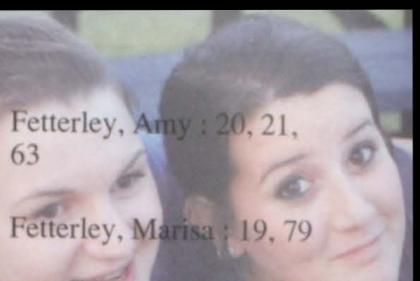
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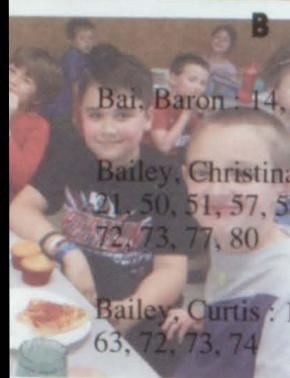
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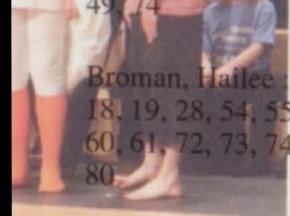
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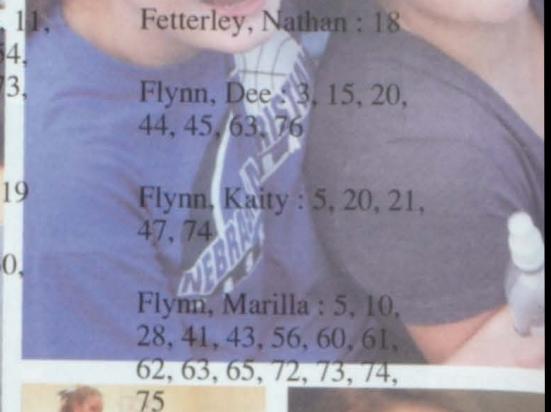
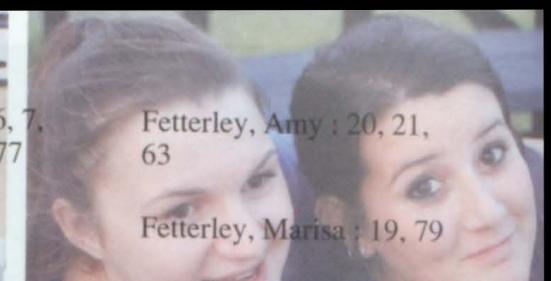
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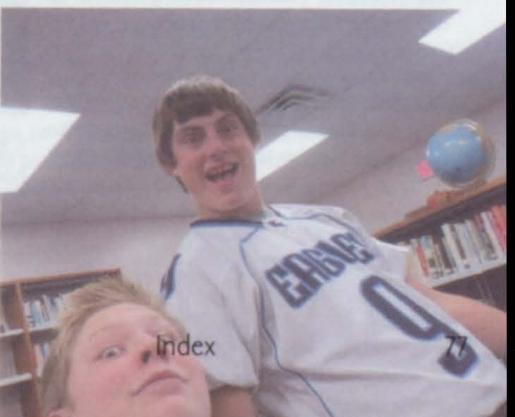
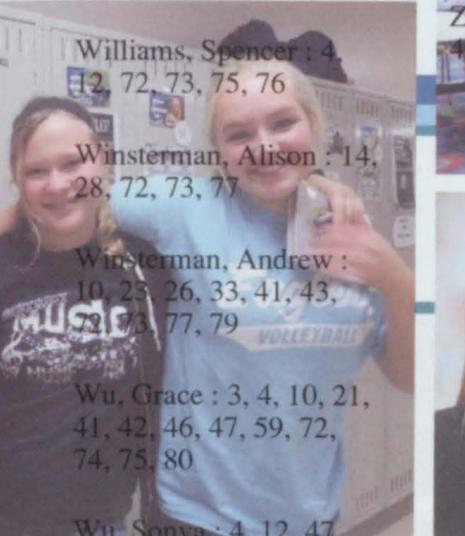
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1. During an elementary special event called "Digging Deeper: Dogs and Dinosaurs," **William Davis (4)** and **Christopher Medlock (4)** help out the speaker from Timberlake by holding the retractable tunnel as Whinny the horse dives through. The elementary students learned valuable lessons about good character and God's creation while having loads of fun.



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2. The Nebraska Christian choir performs an exhilarating and emotional concert for the York Evangelical Free Church. Choir tours provided the students with the opportunity to share their faith through worship, as well as spend time together and make precious memories that will last a life time.



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3. Wendy Bornmann (11) presents her poetry piece about body image and beauty during the NC speech showcase. Because the team needed more events, Bornmann made a huge sacrifice and performed in a category that she had never done before. This sacrifice turned into a blessing as Bornmann found a hidden talent for poetry and ended up qualifying for state.



4

The end of another school year has arrived. Students hurriedly return their books, clean out their lockers, pack up their backpacks, and head home for the summer. Although many of the memories created this year will be lost, none of the students will forget the unity and friendship that was achieved during the 2015-2016 school year.

In the beginning, the student body was just a random group of people with varied interests, personalities, and talents. They came from different communities, cities, counties, and even multiple countries. Brought together by the common goal of glorifying God, however, the NC students of 2015-2016 converged into a united body through sports, activities, academics, service projects, and special events.

This year, the boys' basketball team experienced great success. **Andrew Winsterman** (11) said, "During basketball we had lots of fun! We had a unique team chemistry that helped us overcome many obstacles and win games. The bond we built throughout the season was founded

on a common goal: to trust in God and glorify Him no matter what the outcome."

Another sport that brought students together was track. "At track practice, I had the opportunity to get to know younger students and build a relationship with them. We became a family. I never thought I would be this close to a group of girls," said **Sarah Simmons** (11).

There were also many opportunities outside of sports to build relationships with other students. **Angela Mate** (12) said, "Coming here was a great experience! I learned about so many new cultures, and I got to meet people from many different countries. The different relationships I made with the girls in the dorm will last for eternity."

The different colored lines throughout the book represent the convergence of the school during the 2015-2016 year. They started off as individual lines spaced out on the page, but now, they have come together as a single group in the middle of the page, just like this year's student body.

- **Alexis Hower** (12)



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7. **Whitney Heuermann** (12) feeds her cow, **Cameron Langemeier** (12), during the annual auction. Because of their previous years of service at the auction, Heuermann, **Tara Murphy** (12), **Cassidy Ostrand** (12), **Katie Cumpston** (12), and **Alexis Hower** (12) performed as stage assistants this year. The girls worked hard to put on creative and interesting entertainment for all the donors in the crowd.

4. **Carson Falk** (12) launches the disc into the air during the Merrick County track meet. The NC track team fought hard at every meet, commonly taking home the first place trophy in the both boys' and girls' competition.

5. **Ethan Merchant** (6) as Wise Guy drops to his knees and begs for forgiveness from his brother, Wise Man, portrayed by **Aidan Feely** (6), while **Marisa Fetterley** (5) as Ruby looks on. The elementary students performed a thrilling Patch the Pirate Musical called *Ocean Commotion* this year at the Performing Arts Center in Central City. The students put in lots of hard work and succeeded in making the production a blast for the entire audience.



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6. **Seth Hower** (8) and **Jackson Stebbing** (8) concentrate on dissecting an owl pellet during their junior high science class. Hower said, "We were able to see what the owl had already eaten. It was nasty, yet cool at the same time!"

Portraying The Year

Nebraska Christian was a flurry of activity this year as changes were taking place across the campus: the Next 50 Years Capital Campaign completed its first phase of building a new girls' dorm, the school received new students and faculty, and new activities were presented to the students. It was this semi-chaotic scene that the yearbook staff wanted their initial theme to portray. Ideas were thrown around of doing a theme that focused entirely on the chaos. However, the staff agreed that they wanted something that was more clean cut and focused. This train of thought eventually led to the theme of *Converge*, illustrating all the activities, people, and changes that came together to make the 2015-2016 year unique. Lines of varying length, thickness, and color were used to represent all those different aspects listed above. Throughout the book, the lines gravitated together until eventually they converged into a single unit on the final page.

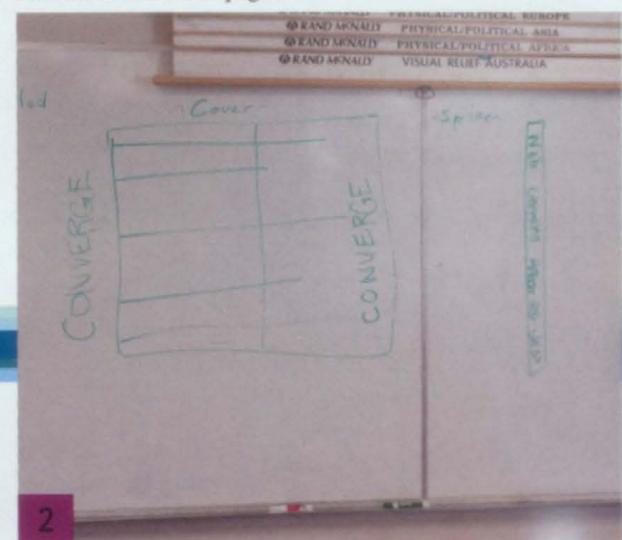
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-Tara Murphy (12)



1. Editor Alexis Hower (12), looking fantastic in her Fashion Disaster outfit during homecoming week, draws up possible titles for different pages. The staff had to get creative, choosing titles which both connected to the overall theme and to the individual page.



2. A possible cover idea is displayed on the board as staff members brainstorm the theme. Drawing up their ideas on the board helped the staff get a visual representation of the ideas in their head.



3. (Clockwise from left) Staff members Laura Carlson (9), Janie Mousel (11), Makenna Loy (12), and Christina Bailey (12) provide their input during a group brainstorming session. During these sessions, members sometimes had to be willing to concede their set opinions when others suggested something easier or better to do.

